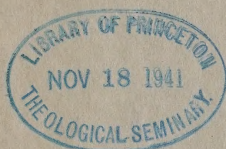


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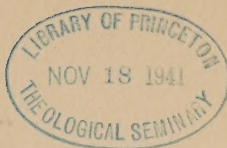
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## FOREWORD

I wish to express my deep appreciation and hearty approval of the Inventory of the Tebo Baptist Association, which the Historical Records Survey of Missouri has chosen as its first church publication. This book will prove an invaluable history of the Baptist denomination in Henry County, Missouri, for the use of coming generations.

It is of utmost importance that as far as possible, all the records of our various denominations be preserved because of the things of historical interest that they contain, not only for the members of their own denomination but for the State as well.

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## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey Program was initiated as a nation-wide undertaking under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans in January 1936, as a part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, which was operating in the State at the time. The Survey in Missouri became a separate unit of Federal Project No. 1 on October 15, 1936, and continued to operate as a part of a nation-wide project. By Act of Congress, Federal Project No. 1 was abolished August 31, 1939, and the Missouri Project was converted into a state-wide locally sponsored project, under the administrative authority of Mrs. Anita K. Hynes, State Director, Professional and Service Division, Work Projects Administration. At present it operates as one of a nation-wide series of Historical Records Survey Projects, under the national direction of Sargent B. Child, who succeeded Dr. Evans on March 1, 1940.

The Survey in Missouri is engaged in compiling inventories of and guides to the original sources of American history, including the public archives of the State and the counties, non-archival historical manuscripts, and the church archives.

This is the first inventory of church records to be published in Missouri by the Historical Records Survey, and is one of a series of nation-wide inventories, which when complete, will constitute a comprehensive catalog of the archives of approximately ten thousand churches and religious institutions estimated to have come into existence in Missouri from her earliest territorial days to the present time. Subsequent inventories will be published in units devoted to the several dioceses, synods, associations and other geographical subdivisions which are recognized by the various denominations.

Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy and completeness of the information presented herein. However, in view of the nature of the work and the difficulties encountered, it is realized that certain omissions and deficiencies may be found.

The inventory of the records of the Tebo Baptist Association was begun on August 16, 1938 by A. Loyd Collins and was completed, as far as possible, on January 13, 1939 by Harry Gumma. Additional work has been done in the field since that time including a re-check of the records which was made by Rev. Hugh Sperry, a Baptist minister in Clinton, Missouri. Supplementary research work in St. Louis was done by Mrs. Marian Chassaing.

The inventory was prepared for publication by the church archives unit of the Missouri Survey, of which Arthur C. Schaefer is editor-in-chief. The historical sketch of the association was written by A. Loyd Collins, State Supervisor of the project, and the index was prepared by





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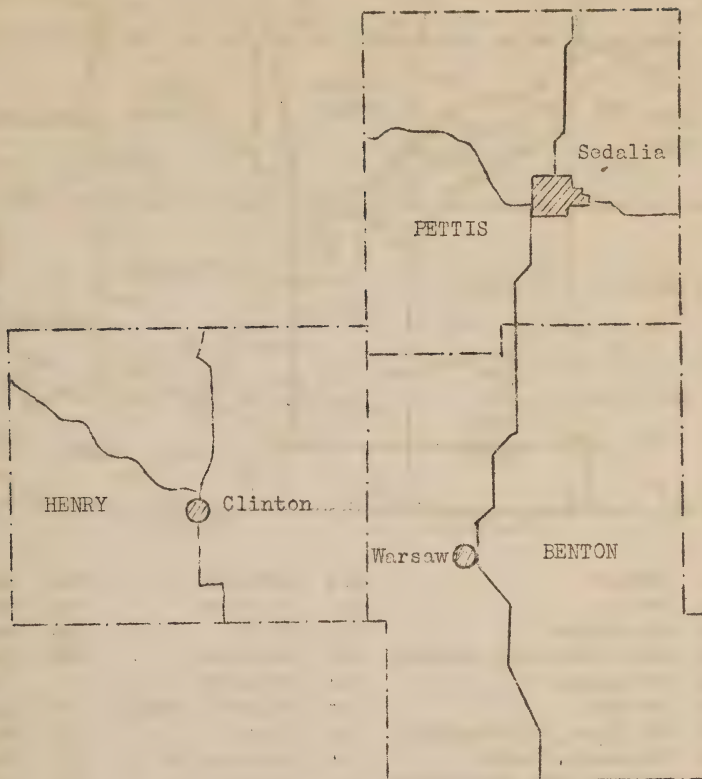
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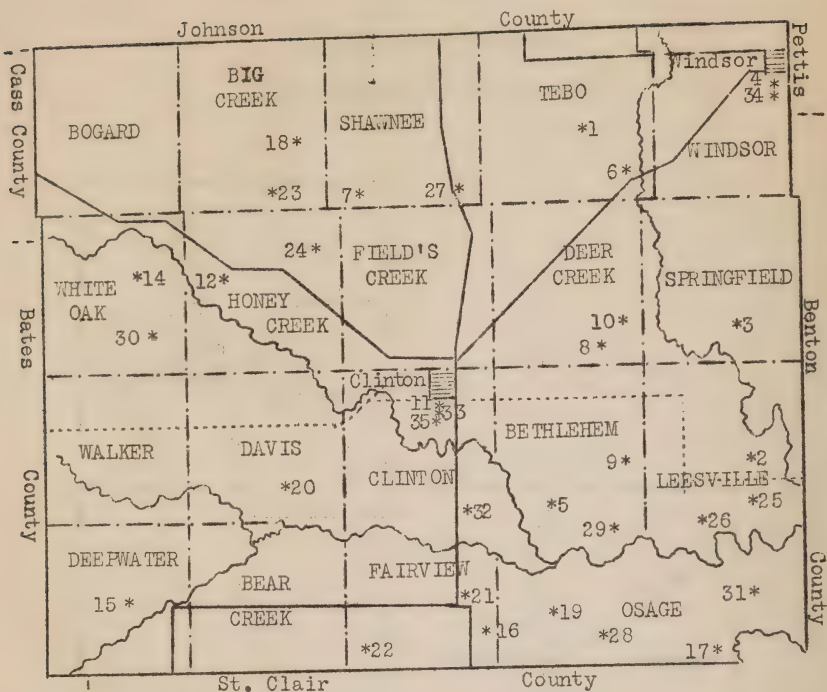


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## HISTORY OF THE TEO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Baptists in Missouri

The first known members of the Baptist denomination who located in Missouri were Thomas Pull and his wife and her mother, Mrs. Lee, who settled in what is now Cape Girardeau County in 1796.<sup>1</sup> Although most of the early settlers in the territory were of the Catholic faith, there were a few Protestants in the region. This is evidenced in a report by Gayare to the Bishop of Havana on the religious situation in 1772, which mentions the fact that some Protestants and Jews had been expelled.<sup>2</sup>

Reverend Josiah Dodge, a Baptist minister from Nelson, Kentucky, delivered the first protestant sermon known to have been preached west of the Mississippi River. It was delivered in February 1794 while he was visiting his brother, Dr. Israel Dodge, near Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.<sup>3</sup>

Elder John Clark, a "Baptist in principle"<sup>4</sup> but a Methodist at the time, made several missionary trips from Illinois to St. Louis and vicinity in 1796.<sup>5</sup> Three years later Rev. Thomas Johnson, an aged Baptist clergyman from Georgia and one time missionary to the Cherokee Indians, visited the Cape Girardeau district. While there he administered the ordinance of baptism to Mrs. Agnes Ballew in the waters of Randall Creek, which was probably the first Protestant baptism west of the Mississippi.<sup>6</sup>

Another early Baptist preacher who visited and preached in St. Louis County as early as 1801 was Thomas R. Musick of Kentucky. He later became a citizen of St. Louis and was instrumental in the organization of Fee Fee Baptist Church in 1807.<sup>7</sup>

Elder David Green, a native of Virginia, came to the territory from Kentucky in 1805 and did much to spread Christianity in early Missouri. He preached to a few Baptist families that had settled in what was known as Tywappity Bottom, about 10 or 12 miles south of where Cape Girardeau is now located. After having preached a few sermons to these families, Rev. Mr. Green returned to Kentucky, and some 8 or 10 persons organized the Tywappity Baptist Church in 1805 in what is now Scott County at the site of Commerce, Missouri. This church soon

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1. Walter Williams and Floyd Calvin Shoemaker, Missouri, Mother of the West, I, 493.
  2. R. S. Douglass, History of Missouri Baptists, p. 8; Louis Houck, Spanish Regime, I, 115.
  3. Louis Houck, A History of Missouri, III, 203.
  4. Williams and Shoemaker, op. cit., p. 493.
  5. Houck, A History of Missouri, III, 203.
  6. Ibid., p. 204.
  7. Douglass, op. cit., p. 21.





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died.<sup>8</sup> The following year Elder Green moved with his family to Missouri. Here at the home of Thomas Bull, 2 miles south of the present town of Jackson, Missouri, on July 19, 1806, was organized Bethel Baptist Church, the first permanent Protestant church west of the Mississippi River. David Green, minister, and George Lawrence and Henry Cockerham, deacons, officiated in the organization of the church. The constituent members were: David Green, Thomas English, William Mathews, Leonna Green, William Smith, Jane English, Agnes Ballew, Thomas Bull, Clary Abernathy, Edward Spears, Catherine Anderson, Anderson Rogers, Rebekah Randal, John Hitt, and Frances Hitt. Thomas Bull was writing clerk, William Mathews was selected as singing clerk, and Elder David Green served as pastor until his death in 1809.<sup>9</sup>

The first meetings of the church were held in the various homes in the community.<sup>10</sup> A log church building was erected on the farm of Thomas Bull in 1813, and John Hitt was appointed doorkeeper of the church.<sup>11</sup>

From these beginnings in southeast Missouri, the Baptist denomination spread to St. Louis where Fee Fee and Cold Water churches were organized in 1807 and 1809 respectively.<sup>12</sup> Other churches were soon established as the Baptist denomination moved farther west to Montgomery County, where some Baptist families settled as early as 1809. The Baptists gradually moved to the central, western, and northern parts of Missouri. Rev. Thomas Fristoe preached in the schoolhouses and log cabins in Chariton, Carroll, Linn, Randolph, Monroe, Lafayette, and Howard Counties.<sup>13</sup>

Fishing River Association, embracing churches in Clay County and the surrounding territory, was organized in 1823.<sup>14</sup> Blue River Association, consisting of churches in Central Missouri, was organized from churches dismissed from the Fishing River Association in 1834. This was followed by the organization of 10 churches in 1855 from the Blue River Association into a new association known as the Tebo Baptist Association. This association included 4 churches from Henry County, 3 from Benton County, and 3 from Pettis County.<sup>15</sup>

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8. R. S. Duncan, History of the Baptists in Missouri, p. 37; Douglass, op. cit., p. 21.
  9. Duncan, op. cit., pp. 38 f.; T. H. Jenkins, Old Bethel Church, p. 8.
  10. Douglass, op. cit., pp. 23 f.
  11. Jenkins, op. cit., p. 10.
  12. Douglass, op. cit., pp. 40 and 48.
  13. H. E. Truex, Baptists in Missouri, pp. 33 and 36.
  14. Douglass, op. cit., pp. 77, 97, and 98.
  15. Peter Brown, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 1, (manuscript in Henry County Public Library, Clinton, Mo.) 1891.





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The Tebo Baptist Association

The Tebo Baptist Association now comprises all the white Baptist churches located in Henry County, Missouri. They all belong to the Southern Baptist Convention and are affiliated with the Missouri Baptist General Association.<sup>16</sup>

The first settlers came to what is now Henry County in 1830, and the first religious services were held that year at the cabins of the settlers by Rev. Addison Young, a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher. A Methodist circuit rider, Rev. Abraham Millice, preached in the county in 1831, and Thomas Keeney, a Baptist minister, preached to the pioneer settlers during the following year.<sup>17</sup>

Elder Henry Avery, a minister of the Primitive Baptist (anti-missionary) faith came to the county in 1831 and was the first resident minister in the county.<sup>18</sup> He was born in Roane County, Tennessee, October 18, 1795. He united with the Big Fork Baptist Church in Tennessee in 1826, moved to St. Louis County, Missouri in 1830, and came to Henry County on July 10, 1831. He affiliated with the High Point Church in Johnson County and was granted a license to preach by that organization. The following year he was ordained by a presbytery of that church composed of Elders J. Warder, J. White, Thomas Ricketts, and William Simpson. He traveled extensively over central and western Missouri and preached to both the Indians and whites until his death on September 26, 1845.<sup>19</sup>

The first church in Henry County was organized on May 4, 1839 at a log school on Tebo Creek about 3 miles northwest of Calhoun, Missouri.<sup>20</sup> It was of the Primitive Baptist faith and chose as its name "The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Sardis". It was later known as Sardis Baptist Church. The constitution of the church rejected the missionary principle of preaching the gospel to the entire world by the following statement: "We declare that we have no fellowship for the Missionary Tract Sunday School Temperance Societies and believing they are inimical to the peace and harmony of the Church of Jesus Christ will not therefore tolerate any of our members in any of the above Societies, although any member has a right to dispose of his or her money as he or she may think proper in a lawful manner."<sup>21</sup>

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16. Minutes Missouri Baptist General Association (1939), p. 254.

17. The History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, Missouri, pp. 86, 125, and 126.

18. Ibid.

19. J. C. Maple and R. P. Rider, Missouri Baptist Biography, IV, 28-32.

20. See entry 1.

21. A. Loyd Collins, "A Century Old," Clinton (Mo.) The Henry County Democrat, vol. 66, p. 2, May 30, 1939.



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The second church was founded in Henry County in 1840 and was called the Tebo Baptist Church.<sup>22</sup> It was organized in the eastern part of the county on Tebo Creek in Leesville Township. A rude log church building was erected which served two purposes, that of a church in which to worship, and a school in which to educate the children of the community. The seats were made of split logs and a large fireplace heated the building. The church was anti-missionary (Primitive Baptist) until 1863, when it entered the Tebo Baptist Association as a missionary church.<sup>23</sup>

The third Baptist Church was organized in Henry County in 1844 and named the Mt. Olivet Church.<sup>24</sup> It was located in the eastern part of the county about 10 miles south of Windsor.<sup>25</sup> This was followed by the organization of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (later known as the First Baptist Church of Windsor, Missouri) in 1853,<sup>26</sup> the Calhoun Baptist Church in 1854,<sup>27</sup> the Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1854,<sup>28</sup> and the Mt. Zion Church in 1855.<sup>29</sup>

The early church was generally a log building rudely furnished with log benches for seats and a crude pulpit at one end of the room for the preacher. The sermons were usually very long and full of the fear and wrath of God. Common subjects for sermons in the early days were "Sin," "Hell," "Destruction," "Death," "Wickedness," "Eternal Punishment," and the like. Just in front of the pulpit they had what was known as a "mourners' bench," where people went to lament their sins and to be prayed for. The sermon was considered good if the "mourners' bench" was filled during the preaching of it.<sup>30</sup>

Musical instruments were unknown in the early churches. Someone who could sing would "line off" with a song, and then the congregation would sing it line by line as it was read off to them. The women sat on one side of the church building and the men on the other. "Experience meetings" were often held in which the different members of the church or those present would tell of their religious experiences, of what God had done for them, and of how He had helped them in their many trials. Sermons were filled with death-bed stories and sentiments to arouse the feelings and passions of the congregation. People often became so excited during the service that they shouted.<sup>31</sup>

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22. See entry 2.

23. James L. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 23.

24. See entry 3.

25. Briggs, op. cit., p.18.

26. Briggs, op. cit., p. 26; see entry 4.

27. Ibid., p. 8; see entry 6.

28. Briggs, op. cit., p. 6; see entry 5.

29. Briggs, op. cit., p. 3; see entry 7.

30. Information obtained from Rev. Hugh Sperry, (July 5, 1940), by A. Loyd Collins.

31. Ibid.









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The camp meeting, the most important gathering in the pioneer community, was common in the early days. It was an out-door meeting generally held in the fall, and those attending would camp on the grounds until the meeting disbanded. Morning, afternoon, and evening services were held. A stand was built five or six feet high, and covered with dirt or sand. A fire built upon this platform furnished light for the meeting.<sup>32</sup>

The Tebo Baptist Association was organized by representatives from churches of Henry, Benton, and Pettis Counties, which met with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at Goodin schoolhouse in Henry County about half a mile south of the site of the present town of Windsor, Missouri, September 7, 1855. The following churches were represented: Mt. Olivet, Bethlehem, Mt. Zion, and Pleasant Grove, from Henry County; Spring Grove, Mt. Pleasant, and Warsaw, from Benton County; and Elk Fork, Salem, and Bethel, from Pettis County.<sup>33</sup> These churches had letters of dismissal from the Blue River Association for the purpose of organizing a separate association.<sup>34</sup> Elder William A. Gray was chosen moderator of the meeting, and Elder C. J. Teas, clerk. The association was called the "Tebo United Baptist Association", and the word "United" was eliminated in 1870.<sup>35</sup> It was the early custom of the association to meet on Saturday and organize, hold worship services Sunday, and open their regular business sessions Monday morning.<sup>36</sup>

The association adopted the abstract of principles known as the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, as set forth in the Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge.<sup>37</sup> This declaration of belief is set forth in the original minute book (abridged) as follows:<sup>38</sup>

### Declaration of Faith

- 1st. "Of the Scriptures - We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired. . . .
- 2nd. Of the True God - That there is one and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. . . .
- 3rd. Of the Fall of Man - That man was created in a state of holiness. . . . but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, and in consequence on which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice. . . .

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32. Interview with Rev. Hugh Sperry, July 5, 1940.

33. Brown, op. cit., p. 1.

34. Briggs, op. cit., p. 3.

35. Ibid.

36. Ibid., p. 2.

37. Brown, op. cit., p. 1.

38. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1855-69), pp. 12-16 and 18.





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- 4th. Of the Way of Salvation - That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace. . . . through the Son of God. . . .
- 5th. Of Justification - That the great gospel blessing, which . . . . Christ bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness. . . .
- 6th. Of the Freeness of Salvation - That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel, that it is the duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit.
- 7th. Of Grace in Regeneration - That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again. . . . by the power of the Holy Spirit. . . .
- 8th. Of God's Purpose of Grace - That election is the gracious purpose of God according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners.
- 9th. Of the Preservance of the Saints - That such as are real believers. . . . endure unto the end.
- 10th. Harmony of the Law and Gospel - That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of. . . . moral government . . . .
- 11th. Of a Gospel Church - That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word. . . .
- 12th. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper - That christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. . . . to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior. . . . the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ. . . .
- 13th. Of the Christian Sabbath - That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation. . . .



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- 14th. Of Civil Government - That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society. . . .
- 15th. Of the Righteous and the Wicked - That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified. . . . and are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in unbelief. . . . are in his sight wicked. . . . and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.
- 16th. Of the World to Come - That the end of this world is approaching; that on the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from their graves. . . . that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy."

The association at its first meeting also adopted the following constitution for its organization and government, which is still in force:

Constitution of the United Baptist Association.<sup>39</sup>

Art. 1. This association shall be known as Tebo Baptist Association, shall be composed of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the constitution and our "Articles of Faith".

Art. 2. This association shall not be a legislative body; neither shall it exercise authority over the churches, which compose its body; but claims the right to reject any church that may become corrupt in practice or unsound in faith.

Art. 3. This association shall endeavor to promote the union of the churches, give them advice in matters of difficulty, inquire why churches fail to represent themselves in this body, but will not sanction the reception by one church composing this body, the excluded members of a sister church, until the right of such membership shall have been expressed by a council from sister churches in the association.

Art. 4. In case of difficulty between churches, we advise them to proceed as in individual offenses, (see Matt. 18), and if satisfaction is not obtained, the association will advise or finally decide the case if requested to do so.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, which agree to our constitution and "Articles of Faith", if constituted in regular order as a Baptist church.

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39. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, op. cit., pp. 21 f.





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Art. 6. In the letters from the churches shall be stated the number received by experience and baptism, by letter and relation and by restoration; also the number dismissed by letter, exclusion, and death since the last association, with the total number in full fellowship.

Art. 7. We concur in the tenth article of the terms of the General Union of Baptists as found in Benedict's Church History, page 822, that each church and association may keep their own government, as to them may seem best, and that a free correspondent and communion be kept between the churches.

Art. 8. This association claims the right to adopt such By-Laws as it may deem necessary, and amend or alter the constitution or By-Laws by a concurrence of two-thirds of the messengers.

Art. 9. The association shall hold its meetings at such times and places as it may from time to time appoint.

Art. 10. The executive board shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the association; one member duly elected from each church; and all the elective officers of the association.

The association passed a resolution endorsing mission work:

"We deem it expedient to recommend to the churches which compose this association, the propriety of sustaining their ministers, and embrace all possible opportunities to supply the destitution during the present year, and that they send contributions (and purposes) to the next annual meeting, the necessity of which we beg leave to urge".<sup>40</sup>

The aggregate membership to the churches forming the association in 1855 was 489. The following ministers were present at the organization: W. P. C. Caldwell, W. White, William A. Gray, B. F. Goodwing, Peter Brown, and H. F. Thompson. Correspondence was opened with the Saline, Blue River, and Concord Baptist Association,<sup>41</sup> and a mission offering amounting to \$12.00 was "taken up".<sup>42</sup>

The second annual session of the association was held with the Mt. Zion Church on September 13, 1856. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Wm. A. Gray, moderator.<sup>43</sup> At this session High Point Church in Johnson County, Missouri asked to be admitted as a member

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40. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, op. cit., pp. 4 f.

41. Brown, op. cit., p. 1.

42. Briggs, op. cit., p. 3.

43. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, op. cit., p. 26.



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of the association; but this request was rejected and the church was declared to be disorderly because it had arraigned Rev. W. P. C. Caldwell for trial because he had joined a Masonic Lodge.<sup>44</sup> A resolution was passed requesting the churches to recognize no baptism as valid which was not administered by regular ministers of the Baptist denomination.<sup>45</sup>

Elder Wm. White was appointed as the first associational missionary in 1857, and his salary was set at \$20.00 a month. The following year he summarized his services as follows: Labored five months and 25 days - preached 110 sermons - 20 conversions - baptized 10 - organized two churches - received for services \$108.80, collecting \$15.20 of the same upon the field.<sup>46</sup>

The association early took a definite stand against the use of intoxicating liquors. The Committee on Temperance in 1857 submitted the following report which was adopted:

"We believe an individual unfit for membership in the churches who will stoop to the degrading business of dram shop keeping, and that there is as much sin in dram buying and drinking as there is in dram selling, and while whisky may be good for snake bites and sick horses, it is far better to let the horses die and depend on the physician to cure the sick than to fill the State prison with convicts and the poor house with paupers and crowd the infernal regions with so many thousands of drunkards, for the Scriptures say 'no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven'.<sup>47</sup>

In 1858 the association adopted a report recommending it be made an offense for church members to make, buy, sell, or use intoxicating liquors.<sup>48</sup>

The association recommended the organization of Sunday Schools in the churches in 1858, and that the condition of the same be reported in the annual church letters.<sup>49</sup> In 1868, the Sunday School Committee reported as follows: "We believe that God approves the work of the Sunday School and recommend that every member of the church be urged to attend, and that the pastors be urged to take an active part in the Sunday School."<sup>50</sup> A District Sunday School Convention was organized in the same year as an auxiliary of the association.<sup>51</sup>

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44. Briggs, op. cit., p. 2

45. Ibid., p. 3.

46. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1855-69), pp. 71 f.

47. Ibid., pp. 50 f.

48. Ibid., p. 60.

49. Ibid., pp. 66 f.

50. Ibid., pp. 173 f.

51. Ibid., p. 174.





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By 1887, over fifty per cent of the churches had active Sunday Schools, and by 1904 there was only one church in the entire association which did not have a Sunday School.<sup>52</sup> The dates of the establishment of the Sunday Schools in the various churches are reported in the minutes as follows: Bethlehem 1834, Brownington 1884, Good Hope 1867, Quarles 1892, Stone Mission 1898, Hickory Grove 1904, Finey 1900, Clinton 1869, Mt. Gilead 1868, Mt. Zion 1901, Garland 1890, Pleasant Valley 1885, Windsor 1867, Calhoun 1884, Corinth 1896, Deepwater 1890, Hartwell 1879, LaDue 1904, and Montrose 1879. In several instances it will be noted that the date of the organization of the Sunday School preceded that of the church; in fact, in some cases the church itself was an outgrowth of the Sunday School.<sup>53</sup>

The association undertook an educational project in 1858. Prof. Joel Townsend, principal of the Calhoun Academy, Calhoun, Missouri, tendered his school to the association, consisting of two acres of ground and a building 24 x 48 feet, provided the association would assume \$800 indebtedness which was against the same. His proposition was accepted and the following board of trustees were appointed in 1858 for the management of the academy: A. D. Landrum, W. A. Gray, Joel Townsend, L. J. Bronaugh, and A. Campbell.<sup>54</sup> Rev. R. D. Lawler was made principal of the school in 1869. The next year he reported an enrollment of 90, including four ministerial students. The remaining indebtedness against the institution, \$190, was finally liquidated in 1876.<sup>55</sup>

Reports on the work of the academy were made to the association until 1877, when it ceased to exist.<sup>56</sup> It was a difficult task to liquidate the indebtedness of the institution. Speaking of this problem in 1868, Peter Brown wrote: "It is a great pity that this concern did not long ere this burn down. . . . much money which might have otherwise done good was lost to the association, just to build up an institution of learning for a few citizens of Calhoun. May it be a lesson to us."<sup>57</sup>

The work of the churches in the association showed marked progress and development each year prior to the Civil War,<sup>58</sup> but practically all church activities ceased in the county during the war. Mt. Olivet and Tebo Churches continued to hold occasional meetings, but all the other Baptist churches were closed in the county for the duration of the war. Rev. William N. Gray held the Mt. Olivet and Tebo congregations together during the struggle between the North and South, although the work of both congregations reached a low ebb.<sup>59</sup>

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52. Briggs, op. cit., p. 4.

53. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1906), p. 26.

54. Ibid., pp. 61 and 67-70.

55. Briggs, op. cit., p. 4.

56. Ibid.

57. Brown, op. cit., p. 15.

58. Ibid., p. 3.

59. Ibid., pp. 19 and 23.



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Rev. William A. Gray, stalwart religious leader, a native of Christian County, Kentucky, was born October 16, 1815, came to Henry County in 1836 and taught school for fourteen years. He was converted and joined the Clear Creek Baptist Church in Benton County, Missouri in June 1843. He was licensed to preach in November of the same year and ordained in January 1844. He served as pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church from 1844 to 1888; moderator of the Tebo Baptist Association from 1855 to 1894; and died September 28, 1895.<sup>60</sup>

A few representatives of the association met at Pleasant Grove Church in 1861, but they adjourned to meet at Mt. Olivet the following year. No business was transacted at the session in 1862. All they did was to hold worship service on Sunday and adjourn. No further attempts were made to hold a meeting of the association until 1865,<sup>61</sup> when the representatives of the churches at Mt. Olivet, Bethlehem,<sup>62</sup> Pleasant Grove, and Tebo met at the Mt. Olivet Church and reported a total of 359 members and 98 baptisms. "Great desolation was found to exist among the churches," but a period of reconstruction and renewed interest and growth soon followed. Ten new churches were added to the association at its annual session in 1867, namely, Pleasant Hill, Cedar Grove, Mt. Hope, Liberty, Wright's Creek, Osage, First Baptist Church of Clinton, Monegaw, Mt. Gilead, and Pleasant Gap. Fourteen that were dropped for various reasons were Spring Grove, First Warsaw, County Line, Bethlehem, Harmony, Hogles Creek, Red Dirt, Mt. Hope, Deepwater, Brusby, Cold Spring, Panther Creek, New Salem, and Union. In 1878 the association was composed of 50 different churches with a total membership of 1,874; and in 1881 there were 30 churches and 1,904 members.<sup>63</sup> Tebo Association had 16 ministers and 28 churches in 1889 with a total membership of 2,299. Twenty-one churches were reported in 1933 with 3,547 members and 148 baptisms for the year.<sup>64</sup>

The association has always been an active missionary organization.<sup>65</sup> The minutes of 1883 state: "The Foreign Mission Board having appointed Miss Emma Young of Greenfield, Missouri, a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, to the Canton mission field in China, we the Tebo Association, adopt her as our missionary and pledge ourselves for her support."<sup>66</sup>

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60. Brown, op. cit., p. 2.

61. Ibid., p. 3.

62. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1855-69), p. 115.

63. Duncan, op. cit., p. 631.

64. Douglass, op. cit., pp. 210-218.

65. Briggs, op. cit., p. 4.

66. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1883), p. 2.



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Since the beginning of the twentieth century, several of the churches of the association have maintained organizations for their young people. The churches reporting Baptist Young People's Unions in 1906 were Calhoun, Clinton, Deepwater, Montrose, Mt. Olivet, Urich, and Windsor.<sup>67</sup>

The Association Board was incorporated in 1917 under the laws of the State of Missouri as a corporation, under the name of "The Associational Board of the Tebo Association."<sup>68</sup> This board exercises executive control of the affairs of the association during the intervals between the annual sessions of the association.

Women's Work and Missions in the Association

The women of the First Baptist Church in Clinton, Missouri, under the leadership of Mrs. J. P. Kline, organized a Foreign Mission Circle in April 1875.<sup>69</sup> The minutes of the Tebo Baptist Association for 1884 contain the following recommendation: "We also suggest, where practicable, that a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be established in each church."<sup>70</sup> Steps were taken by the women to organize their work in the association in 1887: "The Sisters of Tebo Association held an interesting missionary meeting Wednesday afternoon, at which Sister E. L. Foote was elected president and Sister S. A. Brown, secretary. The association requested Sister Brown to organize circles among our churches in the interest of Foreign and Domestic Missions."<sup>71</sup> The following year the minutes read: "The Sisters of Tebo Association held a missionary meeting Wednesday afternoon and effected a permanent organization, of which Sister S. A. Brown, of Clinton, was chosen president."<sup>72</sup> In 1899 a motion was made and carried at the Tebo Associational meeting to add to the standing committees of the association one on "Women's Work."<sup>73</sup>

At the 1927 session of the association, held with the Baptist church at Clinton, Missouri, a district Woman's Missionary Union was organized,<sup>74</sup> and this was supplanted by the present (1940) Tebo Associational Women's Missionary Union, organized at the associational meeting held at Urich, Missouri in 1930.<sup>75</sup> The W. M. U. (Women's Missionary Union) sponsors mission study and takes special financial contributions to promote various phases of mission work. In 1938,

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67. Briggs, op. cit., p. 5.

68. Ibid.

69. Women's Missionary Society of Clinton, Mo., Minutes (1875-1909), p. 1.

70. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1884), p. 4.

71. Ibid., (1887), p. 5.

72. Ibid., (1888), p. 4.

73. Ibid., (1899), p. 16.

74. Ibid., (1927), p. 21.

75. Ibid., (1930), p. 28.





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under the direction of the county president, Mrs. A. Loyd Collins, the first camp for young people was held in the Reunion Park at Urich, Missouri.<sup>76</sup>

The religious status of the Tebo Baptist Association according to the last official report of 1939 is as follows: Number of active churches 20; total church membership 3990, a net gain of 159 as compared with 1938; total Sunday School enrollment 2484; total average Sunday School attendance 1237; number of Baptist Training Unions 33; total enrollment in Baptist Training Unions 394; total number of Women's Missionary Unions 24; total enrollment in Women's Missionary Unions 410; total value of church property in the association \$120,650; total amount of gifts to local church work \$21,052.89; total amount of gifts to District Mission \$915.31; total amount of gifts to Southwide Co-operative Program \$2057.20; total gifts to all other missionary benevolence \$1265.84; and total financial contributions for the year \$25,291.24.<sup>77</sup>

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76. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes (1884), p. 12.

77. Ibid., (1939), p. 17.



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Officers of the Association

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderators:

William A. Gray, 1855-1892, 1894  
A. C. Avery, 1893, 1895-1896, 1902-1909  
E. A. Leonard, 1899-1901  
R. Jenkins, 1910  
M. V. Thralls, 1911-1912, 1914, 1916-1917  
L. T. Barger, 1915  
P. A. Parks, 1918-1920  
R. E. Feaster, 1921-1929  
I. L. Bush, 1930-1933  
G. C. Humphrey, 1934-1935  
C. A. Butler, 1936-1937  
C. C. Greenway, 1938--

Clerks:

C. J. Teas, 1855  
A. Campbell, 1856-1860, 1866-1869  
W. H. Davis, 1861  
W. B. Lawler, 1865  
A. C. Avery, 1870-1891  
S. M. Victor, 1892-1906  
J. M. Ramsey, 1907-1908, 1913-1925  
W. L. Finks, 1909-1912  
J. E. Jackson, 1926  
J. D. Briggs, 1927-1928  
G. C. Faulkner, 1929-1930  
E. H. Banks, 1931-1932  
W. J. Huston, 1933-1934  
Mildred Carter, 1935--

Treasurers:

E. H. Powers, 1855-1856  
W. Kilbuck, 1859  
A. Campbell, 1860-1870  
P. S. Jennings, 1871-1891  
I. Brown, 1892-1900  
F. M. Osborn, 1901-1904  
A. L. Orth, 1905-1906  
J. G. Calloway, 1907-1909, 1912-1917  
M. V. Thralls, 1910  
J. E. Wright, 1911  
R. Huston, 1918-1929  
W. J. Huston, 1930-1934  
W. K. Simmons, 1935  
E. W. Fristoe, 1936--





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Associational  
Missionaries:

William White, 1857-1860  
C. J. Teas, 1859-1860 (with Rev. White)  
James Woods, 1866  
W. A. Gray, 1867  
W. B. Lawler, 1868-1871, 1877-1879, 1886  
W. S. Weir, 1880, 1883-1884  
Peter Brown, 1876  
John Robinson, 1881-1882  
H. C. Barton, 1885  
Milton C. Harris, 1888  
R. D. Lawler, 1891  
John T. Cowan, 1892-1893  
J. M. Ramsey, 1894, 1908-1909 (for association;  
1917-1918 did some  
mission work)  
  
B. B. Russell, 1895-1897  
S. M. Victor, 1902 (missionary pastor)  
T. F. Simmons, 1903-1904, 1913-1931  
W. A. Pipkin, 1905  
E. L. Rogers, 1906  
Byron Bibb, 1907  
William Dixon, 1910  
T. C. Carleton, 1911  
Jack Boyle, 1921  
E. F. Hood, 1926-1930  
Ruth Williamson, 1935  
George Gray, 1936  
A. Loyd Collins, 1937  
Howard Olive, 1939  
Lewis Stark, 1940.



# ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Abbreviations

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## Explanatory Notes

Tebo Baptist Association today comprises all the active white Baptist churches located in Henry County. Since the boundaries of the association and of the county are identical, this volume is in effect an inventory of Baptist churches in Henry County. To insure the completeness of this inventory and to preserve the identity of all Baptist churches in the county, it has seemed proper to include in this volume not only the churches in the Tebo Association, both active and defunct, but also certain Baptist churches which have never been affiliated with the association.

Sardis Primitive Baptist Church, for example, was not a member of the Association and is now located in Johnson County. However, as this church was the first Baptist church organized in Henry County and in a manner was the forerunner of later churches in the association, it has been accorded a place of honor in this inventory. Likewise, the two union churches, Bronaugh Chapel and Parks Chapel, were not identified in any way with the Tebo Association. Both of these churches were organized in part by Baptist groups which later developed into permanent Baptist churches and are therefore included in this volume.

No provision has been made at this time for a separate inventory of colored churches. The Tebo Baptist Association has maintained friendly relations with and extended aid to the colored Baptist churches, and it has been decided to include the only two colored Baptist churches in the county in this inventory.

In 1860 there were fifty churches affiliated with Tebo Baptist Association, drawn from Henry County and the immediately adjoining counties of Johnson, Pettis, Benton, St. Clair, Bates and Cass. All of the churches in these adjoining counties later joined new associations formed in the counties in which they were located. The records of those Baptist churches will be included in forthcoming inventories of the Baptist Associations representing these counties.



## Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

The information contained in this inventory has been acquired largely by field workers in interviews with the pastors or officers of each church, supplemented by research in histories of Henry County; in books relating to the Baptist religion in the State; and in the minutes of the Tebo Baptist Association. It should be of some value as source material to members of the clergy and to students of church history.

Many of the records of the older churches have been lost or destroyed, and in a few cases no records were kept. It is probable that some records exist that we have been unable to locate.

Entries of individual churches have been set up in chronological order according to the date of organization. The exact date of organization has been given whenever possible. In some cases approximate dates are given, and in others the date of reception into the association is used as the year of organization. A short historical sketch of the church is included in each entry.

First names of persons are given in most cases, as well as the tenure and educational background of the first and present pastors. A roster of the pastors of each church, with tenures, is included near the end of each entry.

The first settled clergyman as interpreted in this inventory is the minister who first became connected with a church in some regularly established way. Missionary pastors who were definitely assigned to new churches have been considered as first settled clergymen of such churches.

Unless otherwise noted the dates and years given for church records and for tenures of pastors are inclusive. The printed works cited as bibliographical references in this inventory are located in the St. Louis Public Library, unless otherwise indicated.





ARCHIVES OF CHURCHES

1. SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1839-- (Inactive), Leeton, Johnson County.<sup>1</sup>

Organized, May 4, 1839, in a log school house on Tebo Creek, three miles northwest of Calhoun, Sardis Primitive Baptist Church holds the honor of being the first church in Henry County. Charter members of this pioneer church were: Henry Avery,<sup>2</sup> Daniel Briggs, John W. Williams, John Brummet, Benjamin G. Parker, Valentine Bell, Mary Brummet, Susan Hudson and Nancy Williams. James Fewell, Nancy Burnett, Rebecca Burnett and Elizabeth Hendricks were received into membership by letter on May 5, 1839. John W. Williams was elected church clerk; William Wall, Trustee; William Wall and John W. Williams, deacons. For more than seventeen years, this well known church existed in the spot of its humble birth. On June 26, 1856, William Wall and Angus C. Avery<sup>3</sup> deeded an acre of ground to the congregation two miles east of the original site, where a frame church was erected the same year at a cost of \$600. Half of the building was used as a school. Near the church site, a lot was secured for a cemetery, where many of the pioneer men and women of Henry County found their final resting place. The second location of Sardis Church was occupied until 1915, when the congregation, in view of the shifting population and changing highways, decided to move to the town of Leeton, in Johnson County. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri - Johnson County Baptist Association). The present church was built and dedicated in 1915. One and one half story rectangular red brick building with basement and furnace. Bell tower containing bell. Plain American type architecture. First settled clergymen were: Rev. Henry Avery and Rev. James Fewell, joint pastors, 1839 - 40. Among those who preached at Sardis Church before the Civil War were: Elders Henry Avery, Daniel Briggs, James Fewell and William C. Garrett. After the war, Elder James W. Warder was pastor from May, 1866 to October, 1877; Elder James Goodson until 1889; Elder R. M. Ogle, until 1898; Elder H. W. Newton until 1912 who was followed by Elder Walter Cash. The church has no regular pastor at the present time.

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1. Note: While Sardis Baptist Church never held membership in the Tebo Baptist Association and is no longer located in Henry County, an inventory of Baptist churches in Henry County (Tebo Baptist Association) would be incomplete without the history of this pioneer church.
  2. Henry Avery, the founder of Sardis Church, was the first settler and the first resident minister in Henry County (see p. 4, this inventory).
  3. Angus Clark Avery, son of Elder Henry Avery, served as a clerk of the Tebo Baptist Association twenty-two years, as moderator for thirteen years, and as deacon of the First Baptist Church of Clinton. (Entry 11) forty years. Maple and Rider, Op. cit. pp. 15 - 20. Maple and Rider, Missouri Baptist Biography, II, 15.



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Services are held at infrequent intervals. The location of the first church in Henry County is marked by a small monument erected in 1920 by the Udolphia Miller Dorman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

See: National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 424. Emma K. Dorman, "Sardis Church" Clinton Daily Democrat, 1921. A. Loyd Collins, "Historical Scrapbook of the Tebo Baptist Association" 1937 (unpublished). Maple and Rider, Missouri Baptist Biography, Vol. 4, pp. 28 - 32. A. Loyd Collins, "A Century Old", Clinton Daily Democrat, May 30, 1938.

Minutes. None available, except the first volume, 1839 - 1850 (about) which is in possession of the Missouri State Historical Society at Columbia, Mo. Deeds records: Henry County, Recorder's office, Clinton, Deeds Record, Vol. G., p. 434.

2. TEBO BAPTIST CHURCH, 1840--. Leesville, (Clinton R. R. #3) Leesville Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1840, through the efforts of Elder Daniel Briggs, Tebo Church is the oldest congregation within the present limits of Henry County. Charter members were: Daniel Briggs and wife, Caroline Butler, William Butler, John Anderson, Mary Putnam, Robert Briggs and Zachariah Fowell. The first building, a rude log cabin, was erected near Leesville, on Tebo Creek, from which the church derives its name. This building also served as a school house, and the first school in Leesville Township was taught here by Robert Briggs in 1851. A second building, of frame construction, was erected in 1855 on a site conveyed by Thomas Briggs on October 21, 1854. Tebo Church was of the Primitive Baptist faith, until 1863, when the congregation called Elder William A. Gray, a missionary baptist, as pastor, and joined the Tebo Baptist Association as a missionary church. In 1876 a division arose in the church over the matter of secret orders. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Briggs was a member of the Masonic Lodge. His brother, James L. Briggs, was opposed to Masonry. The "anti-masons" withdrew from the church, formed their own congregation, with Rev. James Briggs as pastor, and built their own building about fifty yards from the other church. This church joined the Osage Baptist Association. In 1887, after the death of Rev. James Briggs, the two groups united, and consolidated the two buildings into the present church, a plain American rural type, "T" shaped one and one half story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Daniel Briggs, 1840-63. Common school education. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. William A. Gray, 1864-67; Rev. James L. Briggs, 1868-71; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1872-94; Rev. Edward Russell, 1895-97; Rev. William Briggs, 1898; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1899-1906; Rev. J. K. Tinsley, 1907; Rev. T. F. Simmons, 1908-12; Rev. L. T. Barger, 1913-15; Rev. T. H. Phillips, 1916-18; Rev. J. A. Leonard, 1919-20; Rev. E. F. Hood, 1921; Wm. H. Briggs, 1922; Rev. A. M. Wynkoop, 1923-25; Rev. L. A. Brown, 1926-28; Rev. J. E. Turnage, 1930; Rev. Emmet Farrier,





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1931-32; Rev. R. I. Clemings, 1933; Rev. J. I. Tate, 1934-37; Rev. Lee Penny, 1938; Rev. Nelson Engelbrecht, the last pastor, 1939, graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

From its origin in 1840 to the present time, Tebo Church has had among its membership a Briggs preacher. Daniel Briggs was succeeded by his sons James L. (see entry 2) and Thomas (see entries 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15). William Briggs, (see entries 3, 17, 27, 28, 30) son of James L., was pastor of Tebo in 1898. In 1912, two of William's sons, William Henry (see entry 24) and James D. (see entries 3, 10, 21 and 30) were ordained by this church. Other ministers ordained by the church were: Rev. Lafe Renfro, Rev. Charles Thomas and Rev. Hugh Sperry. In the "burying ground" adjacent to the church are many old monuments of Henry County pioneers, whose names are household words in the annals of the early days of the county, such as: Briggs, Johnson, Wears, Chastain, Austin, Denny, Reaves and others. A number of Civil War veterans are buried in this cemetery.

See: National Historical Co. History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, pp. 472-475. James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 23. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members; deaths) 1890--. 2 vols., 1890-92; 1906--. (Records prior to 1890 and 1893-1905 missing). Kept by Miss Elizabeth Belton, R. R. #2, Clinton, Mo. Sunday School records, 1911--. 9 vols., and Baptist Young People's Union records, 1922, 1 vol. (discontinued 1923). Both kept by Mr. R. I. Sheek, R. R. #2, Clinton, Mo. Financial records, 1907--. 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mr. R. E. Huston, R. R. #2, Clinton, Mo. Deeds records: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Deeds Record, vol. F., p. 364.

3. MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1844--. 14 Mi. E. of Clinton, R. R. #1, Springfield Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1844 under the leadership of Rev. William A. Gray, assisted by Elder W. P. C. Caldwell of Johnson County. Charter members of the church were: Rev. W. A. Gray and wife, Joseph Gray, Mr. and Mrs. George Rank, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bantaand. Rev. Gray interested the people of the community in a church building, and a log church was erected in 1844 about a mile and a half from the present site on Barker Creek. Lumber for the interior was cut out with a whip saw. This log building also served as a school for a number of years. A larger building of frame construction was erected in 1852 near the present site. The present building was erected in 1874 at a cost of \$2000. Rectangular frame structure, of the American rural type, without bell or belfry and heated by a large stove. First settled clergyman was Rev. William A. Gray, 1844-87. He was born in Christian County, Kentucky, October 16, 1815 and came to Henry County in the fall of 1836. After receiving his education he taught school for



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fourteen years prior to entering the ministry. He was a moderator of the Tebo Baptist Association from 1844 to 1888, and was probably the greatest Baptist leader in the county at that time. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. W. S. Weir, 1888-90; Rev. R. H. Harris, 1891-92; Rev. William Briggs, 1893-94; 1919. Rev. S. M. Victor, 1895-98; Rev. H. S. Thornhill, 1899 - 1902; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1903-07; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1908-10; Rev. L. T. Barger, 1911-13; Rev. H. S. Thomas, 1914; Rev. A. B. Haynes, 1915-17; Rev. Lee Tenney, 1918; Rev. C. F. Osborn, 1920; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1922-23; Rev. J. D. Briggs, 1924-25; Rev. Lynn Swadley, 1926; Rev. C. C. Russell, 1927-28; Rev. Lee Porter, 1932; Rev. A. B. Christian, 1935. Present pastor is Rev. C. J. Mustain, Liberty, Mo. 1936 - -. Graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 18. R. S. Duncan, History of the Baptists of Missouri, p. 632. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855 - -. National Historical Co. History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, pp. 480, 481.

Minutes, (including members, baptisms, deaths) 1850--. 4 vols., 1850-66; 1867-81; 1881 - 1914; 1914--. (1844-50 missing). Kept by Mrs. Charlie Rank, R.R. #1, Calhoun, Mo. Sunday School records, 1883--. 3 vols., 1890-1908; 1922-29; 1935--. (1883-90; 1909-21; 1930-34 missing). Baptist Young People's Union record, 1 vol. 1927-28 (discontinued; prior records lost). Both kept by Mr. A. G. Cecil, R.R. #1, Calhoun, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Deeds, vol. 13, p. 189.

### 4. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Windsor) 1853--. South Tebo St., Windsor, Windsor Township, Henry County.

Organized October 29, 1853 at the Gordin Schoolhouse one half mile southwest of Windsor by a presbytery consisting of Elders W. P. C. Caldwell, W. A. Gray, B. F. Gordin and David Horne. It was designated as the "United Baptist Church of Christ" with the following charter members, in addition to the above: Weeden and Nancy Major, William and Ann Major, John L. and Eliza A. Major, James and Martha Major, Charles Major, W. H. Davis and Wiley Parker. For some years the church was known as the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, and it was here that the Tebo Baptist Association of Henry County was organized in 1855. Services were held in the Gordin Schoolhouse until the congregation moved to the town of Windsor in 1867 when the present title was adopted. A Sunday School was organized the same year. For several years thereafter services were held in a building owned by the Congregationalists and Southern Methodists. On June 11, 1870 the present site on South Tebo street was secured from William Calbow, and the first church, a small frame structure, was erected at a cost of \$3000 and dedicated the same year. This building was destroyed by fire in 1898 and present handsome brick edifice was





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built and dedicated in 1900 at a cost of about \$5000. One and one half story, "L" shaped red brick structure of modified Gothic architecture, with three gables having high lancet windows below and a large circular window in upper part of each gable. Two story square tower, with belfry and bell; has a Gothic arched entrance to church auditorium. Basement contains furnace and Sunday School rooms. Inscription on church reads: "First Baptist Church, 1899". First settled clergyman, Rev. William A. Gray, 1854-56. Educational background unknown except that Rev. Mr. Gray taught school for fourteen years and was ordained as a minister in January 1844. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. A. D. Landrum, 1856-58; Rev. Benjamin F. Goodin, 1858-60; Rev. W. F. C. Caldwell, 1861; Rev. E. W. Kilbuck, 1862; Rev. B. F. Lowler, 1865-75; Rev. David N. Horne, 1876-77; Rev. R. H. Harris, Jan. 1878-84 and 1889-90; Rev. J. M. McGuire, 1886-87; Rev. R. H. Windsor, 1888; Rev. S. P. Brite, 1891-93; Rev. T. G. Hendrix, 1894-96; Rev. M. L. Bibb, 1898; Rev. J. L. Taylor, 1899; Rev. J. T. Neville, 1900-1903; Rev. J. W. Keltner, 1904; Rev. T. M. McDonnell, 1906-12; Rev. W. E. Prewitt, 1913-14; Rev. A. M. Ross, 1915-16; Rev. J. C. House, 1918-21; Rev. G. W. Wright, 1922-23; Rev. J. A. Bryson, 1924-29; Rev. Geo. C. Humphrey, 1930-35. The present pastor is Rev. G. R. Timbrock, Windsor, Mo., 1937--. Graduate, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 26. National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, pp. 389, 390. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 1853--. 8 vols. 1853-74, 1875-84, 1885-1900, 1901-1904, 1905-15, 1916-26, 1927-32, 1933--. Kept by Mr. R. H. Wells, Windsor, Mo. Sunday School records, 1906--. 12 vols. (1916; 1919-24 missing; 1890-1906, lost. Nothing known of records prior to 1890). Kept by Mr. F. J. Webb, Windsor, Mo. Women's Missionary Union records, 1914-1920, 1 vol. Kept by Mrs. L. Corson, Windsor, Mo. Financial records, 1904--. 13 vols. (1917-22 missing). Kept by Mr. Melvin Owen, Windsor, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, vol. 1, p. 109.

5. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1854--. 5 Mi. S. E. of Clinton, R.R. #7, Bethlehem Township, Henry County.

Organized September 6, 1854, by Elders Peter Brown and W. P. Wright at the home of James Lee, where religious meetings had been held by these pioneer preachers from St. Clair County. Charter members of the church were: James Lee and wife, John Lee, Jacobs Shanks, Mrs. Shanks, Joseph H. Shanks and V. Hancock. Other early members were: John James and wife, George French and wife, Lafe Groff, A. Vickers and wife and their daughter Laura. Services were held in the James Lee home and occasionally in others of the community for almost two years. In 1856, A. Vickers, the first clerk and later an elder of the church, donated a four acre site for a church, yard and cemetery. The first church, a frame building, was erected and dedicated the same year.





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In April 1859, Dr. C. S. Jennings organized the first Sunday School and was appointed its first superintendent. This church, like most others in the county, practically disbanded during the critical years of the Civil War. Two years later, at the close of the war, the church reorganized and grew in membership until it became necessary to provide a larger building. The present church was erected on the original site and dedicated on December 31, 1882. One and one half story, rectangular frame building, plain American type architecture, without bell or inscription. Heated by stove in center of building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Peter Brown, 1854-56, 1876. Educated at Rector College, Virginia. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. C. J. Teas, 1857; Rev. W. A. Gray, 1858-59 and 1861-63; Rev. H. D. Landrum, 1860; Rev. W. B. Lawler, 1865-67; Rev. B. L. Lawler, 1868-70; Rev. R. D. Lawler, 1871-74 and 1878; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1875; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1879-83; Rev. W. S. Weir, 1884-90; 1900 and 1926-27; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1891-99; 1903-7; 1911-13; Rev. J. J. Stone, 1901-2; Rev. F. F. Simmons, 1908; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1909; Rev. Wade Johnson 1910; Rev. John Harbaugh, 1914-17; Rev. J. R. Skaggs, 1918-19; Rev. A. M. Wyncoop, 1920-22; Rev. W. D. Baker, 1923-24; Rev. W. E. Davis, 1925; Rev. E. H. Banks, 1928-29; Rev. D. D. Talley, 1930-34; Rev. Elmer Wright, 1935; Rev. Fred Neiger, 1936. Present pastor, Rev. Nelson Engelbrecht, Liberty, Mo. 1938--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 6. National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 487. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, financial records) 1884--. 4 vols. Vol. 4, Jan. 1, 1884-Dec. 12, 1912; vol. 5, Jan. 11, 1913-Feb. 10, 1923; vol. 6, Mar. 10, 1923-Aug. 8, 1936; vol. 7, Sept. 12, 1936-Aug. 1, 1938. Vols. 1, 2 and 3, 1854-84 missing. Kept by Mrs. J. C. Dean, R. R. #3, Clinton, Mo. Sunday School records, 1936--. 1 vol. (1859-1936 missing). B.Y.P.U. record, 1928--. 1 vol. Kept by Mr. George Pogue, Browington, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Deeds, vol. 3, p. 528.

### 6. CALHOUN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1854--. Calhoun, Tebo Township, Henry County.

Organized 1854. The exact date of organization of the Calhoun Baptist Church is unknown. Tradition gives the year 1854, and preaching is said to have been held at the homes of settlers for some years prior to that date. The records of the Tebo Baptist Association show that the church was received into the association as a new church in 1857. There is no record of the charter members of the church. In the first printed minutes of the Tebo Association in 1870, mention is made of the following messengers: A. Clark, C. C. and T. J. Bronaugh, William Overshiner and C. Darr. J. T. Bronaugh was church clerk in



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1870, after which C. C. Bronaugh held the office for thirty-one consecutive years. The first church, (date unknown) made of logs, was located in the northeast part of town. During the civil war services were discontinued. After the war the church met at the Calhoun Male and Female Academy, fostered by the Tebo Baptist Association. The academy was abandoned about 1873, and in 1874 the church joined the Methodists, Presbyterians and Christians of Calhoun in erecting a union church in the town, at a cost of about \$1500. Becoming dissatisfied with the union Sunday School, the Baptists sold out their interest in the building and erected a church of their own on the site of the present building, apparently before 1887, as in that year the Tebo Association held its annual meeting at Calhoun Baptist Church. In 1921 a splendid house of worship of frame and stucco construction, was erected during the ministry of Rev. I. J. Brame. This was destroyed by fire, October 5, 1938. In the spring of 1939 the present church was completed and was dedicated on July 9th of the same year. Plain, "T" shaped, American type frame building with bell tower and bell. Rev. W. A. Gray was said to have been the first settled clergyman, 1872-75, although the Tebo Association minutes, show that Rev. B. F. Lawler preceded him (1868-70) probably in a missionary capacity. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1878-79; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1880; 1890-99. Rev. W. B. Lawler, 1881-83; Rev. W. A. Gray, 1884-85; Rev. R. H. Harris, 1886-89; Rev. H. S. Thornhill, 1900-1904; Rev. S. M. Petty, 1905-06; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1907-10; Rev. L. T. Barger, 1911-13; Rev. G. N. Neafus, 1914; 1916-17; Rev. John R. Blythe, 1915; Rev. G. W. Merrifield, 1918-19; Rev. I. J. Brame, 1920-22; Rev. D. B. Wilcox, 1923-24; Rev. Geoffrey Swadley, 1926; Rev. G. C. Faulkner, 1927-28; Rev. B. L. McKee, 1930; Rev. R. I. Clemings, 1931-36; Rev. E. R. Dregger, 1938; and the present pastor, Rev. R. M. Webdell, Calhoun, Mo. 1939--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, pp. 426-427. James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 8. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 1912--. 2 vols. 1912-19; 1920--. (1857-1912 missing). Kept by Mrs. P. L. Houston, Calhoun, Mo. Sunday School records, 1937--. 2 vols, 1937, 1938; loose card system, 1939--. (Records, 1894-1937 missing). Kept by Mr. Jim Martin, Calhoun, Mo. Financial records, 1934--. 1 vol. (prior records missing). Kept by Mrs. Mary Fewell, Calhoun, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warrant Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 71

7. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1855-93, (defunct) Huntingdale, (Chilhowee R.R. #1) Shawnee Township, Henry County.

Organized 1855. This church was also known as the Huntingdale Baptist Church, and was the first church organized in the town





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of Huntingdale. It was one of the eleven constituent churches of the Tebo Baptist Association, organized in 1855, and is listed in the records of the association for that year. Meetings were first held in private homes and later (dates unknown) in nearby schools and public buildings of the community. In 1870, a site was conveyed by William F. and Malissa Page, to a board of trustees representing the Baptist, Christian and Methodist denominations, for a community church. The deed specified that it be known as the Huntingdale Church, each group to have the use of the building one designated week in each month. A frame building was erected during the same year at a cost of \$1600.

Charter members of the church were: James Potts, William Molton, Granville Cross, F. C. Brown, Isaac Anderson, James Ross, Lemuel Page, Aaron, John and Reuben Morgan, James L., William F. and Henry Page. James L. Page was the first clerk and the first trustee of the church. First settled clergyman, Rev. William White, 1855-57. Educational background unknown. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. James Teas, Rev. Mr. Adams and Rev. William Oden, to 1867; Rev. James Woods, 1868; Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick, 1869; Rev. Obediah Tompkins, 1870-73 and 1877-78; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1874-75; Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1876; Rev. John S. Denton, 1879-81 and 1885-88; Rev. Samuel M. Victor, 1882; Rev. R. E. Brown, 1883; Rev. R. S. Menefee, 1884; Rev. W. B. Lawler, 1889-90 and Rev. W. H. Scott, 1891. The church declined in membership after 1884 until it finally became defunct, about 1893. All records have been lost.

See National Historical Co. History of Henry and St. Clair Co., p. 433. James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 3. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--. Henry County, Recorder's Office, Deed Record, Book 3, p. 409.

8. BRONAUGH CHAPEL,<sup>1</sup> 1859-1916, (defunct) 8 Mi. N. E. of Clinton, Deer Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized and built in 1859 as a union church, in the vicinity of historic Tebo Creek. The building was owned jointly by the Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterians, Southern Methodists and (after the Civil War) Northern Methodists of the community and was named by the first trustees in honor of Judge C. C. Bronaugh, one of the early settlers of the county. The first building committee consisted of the following members: Baptists: W. H. Combs and Joseph Russell, father of Rev. B. B. Russell, one of the early Baptist ministers. Presbyterians: G. W. Minor, Ephriam L. Goff and William Goff; Southern Methodists: Judge C. C. Bronaugh, William Beatty, and Ranson Faith. The names of the ministers who preached to the Baptists at Bronaugh Chapel are not known. During the Civil War the building was used for military purposes and services were discontinued. The Baptist ministers who preached at the Chapel after the war, were Rev. William B. Lawler, Rev. Frank Lawler and Rev. W. S. Weir. In 1881, the Cumberland Presbyterians and Southern Methodists purchased the

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1. Note: Bronaugh Chapel was not affiliated with Tebo Baptist Association.



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interests of the Baptists and Northern Methodists and erected a new church on the site of the old one. In 1887 the Methodists purchased the interest of the Cumberland Presbyterians and from that time until the church became defunct (1916) were the sole owners of Bronaugh Chapel. When Bronaugh Chapel was erected there were but few churches in Henry County. Not a church had been erected in Clinton, the county seat. The principal Baptist churches in the county at that time were (1) "Briggs Chapel" (Tebo Baptist Church, see entry 2) in the south-eastern part of the county, named in honor of the Briggs family. (2) Mt. Olivet (see entry 3) also known as "Gray's Church", in honor of William Gray, outstanding Baptist minister of the day. (3) Sardis, (see entry 1) a primitive Baptist church north of Calhoun. (4) Bethlehem Church (see entry 5), and Calhoun Church (see entry 6) in Calhoun. It has been said that no church in Henry County at that time had more able ministers, more eloquent preachers or larger congregations than Bronaugh Chapel. In common with many churches the attendance at Bronaugh Chapel declined during the early years of the twentieth century until it finally became defunct about 1916. The building was destroyed by fire some years later and nothing remains to-day to mark the site of this well known church of the pioneer days of the country. No records are available.

See: Mrs. Bushnell, "History of Bronaugh Chapel" (1915) in Daughters of the American Revolution Scrapbook (unpublished) Udolphia Miller Dorman Chapter, Clinton, Mo.

Minutes. No records available except the following deed: F. P. Bronaugh et al, granters, to Tebo Cumberland Presbyterian Church, J. F. Hargrave, trustee, grantees, dated August 30, 1880. Filed October 9, 1880, Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, vol. 30, p. 504.

### 9. GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1860--. 1 Mi. W. of Coale (Clinton R.R. #7) Bethlehem Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1860 by the pioneer Baptist preacher, Elder W. B. Lawler, who moved into the community from St. Clair County. Unable to finance a building, the congregation met at the Pretty Bob Schoolhouse until 1862 when a small church was erected about a quarter of a mile from the school, near the town of Coale. The church was abandoned for several years during the critical years of the Civil War, but was reorganized in 1865 with about twenty members. A Sunday School was organized in 1867. In 1895 the present frame (American rural type) structure was erected near the site of the original church, about a mile west of Coale, and dedicated on the third Sunday in May of the same year. To the east of the church is the cemetery where rest the remains of the early settlers of this section of the county. They include such well known names as: McFarland, East, Law, Geff, Peeler, Quick, Lawler, Shemmaker, Hornbest, Hawkins, Ogden, Gailbraith, Coale and others. First settled clergyman, Rev. William B. Lawler, 1860-72. He received a common school education. He was succeeded by



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the following pastors: Rev. T. E. Freeman, 1873-74; Rev. W. S. Weir, 1875; 1882-90; 1900-1901; 1918; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1876-81; 1892-95; Rev. G. W. Hamlet, 1891; Rev. J. M. Ramsey; 1896-99; Rev. S. N. Victor, 1902-6; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1907-8; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1909-13; Rev. L. T. Barger, 1915; Rev. T. H. Phillips, 1917; 1924-26; Rev. J. A. Leonard, 1919-20; Rev. E. A. Hood, 1921; Rev. A. D. Kelly, 1923; Rev. L. A. Brown, 1927-28; Rev. D. D. Talley, 1930; Rev. N. D. Hufft, 1931-34; Rev. Ralph H. Zumwalt, 1935-36 and the present pastor, Rev. C. J. Mustain, 427 N. 33rd street, Kansas City, Kansas, 1938--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 15. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--. National Historical Co. History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 487.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths 1882--. 3 vols., 1882-1906; 1907-30; 1930--. (Prior to 1882 lost). Kept by Mrs. T. A. Law, R. R. #3, Clinton, Mo. Sunday School records, 1916--. 6 vols. (1922-24 and prior to 1916, missing). Kept by Mr. Irwin L. Fowler, Deepwater, Mo., R. R. #2. Financial records, 1922--. 1 vol. (prior records lost). Kept by Mr. O. C. Johnson, Clinton, Mo., R. R. #3. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Warranty Deeds, vol. 54, p. 124.

### 10. MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1865--. 10 Mi. N. E. of Clinton, R. R. #2, Deer Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1865, shortly after the close of the Civil War. Joseph Russell and Elder William A. Gray were instrumental in perfecting the organization of the church. Services were held, 1865-81, at Bronaugh Chapel, (see entry 8) a union church which was used by the Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists of the community. On December 28, 1883, Ephriam L. Goff conveyed to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church the site in the southeast corner of the township on which the present and only building was erected and dedicated in 1884. It is a plain American type, rectangular frame structure, without bell or inscription. Charter members of the church are not known, as the early records have been lost or destroyed. The written records date back to 1885. The church entered the Tebo Baptist Association in 1867, and on the list of messengers sent to the association by Mt. Gilead in 1870 we find the following names: J. H. and Thomas Goff, B. B. Russell, J. D. Clark, R. C. Owens, C. J. and Thomas Taylor, W. B. Vastine and W. H. Coombs. Some of the early deacons of the church were: William Coombs, John Goff, Thomas Taylor, R. C. Owens, William Bradfield and Luther Combs. Two members of the church Edwin White and John Eaton have been ordained to the ministry. A Sunday School was organized as early as 1868. The first settled clergyman was Rev. William A. Gray, 1865-69. His educational background was said to have been equivalent to that of the present day high school course. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. B. F. Lawler, 1870; Rev. C. J. Taylor, 1871; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1872;





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W. B. Lawler, 1873-77, 1883-85; Rev. William S. Weir, 1878-82, 1886-89, 1896-97; Rev. J. W. Mohler, 1890-91; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1892-95, 1898; Rev. J. M. Hawkins, 1899-1900; Rev. S. N. Mohler, 1901-02; Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1903; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1904-05; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1906-08; Rev. G. W. Plumb, 1909; Rev. T. F. Simmons, 1910; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1911-13; Rev. E. L. Barkley, 1914, 1915; Rev. Wade Johnson, 1916-18; Rev. T. C. Pennell, 1919-20; Rev. E. F. Hood, 1921-22; Rev. A. D. Kelly, 1923; Rev. J. D. Briggs, 1924-25; Rev. Fred Farris, 1926-27; Rev. Chas. C. Russell, 1928; Rev. Mark B. Paddock, 1930; Rev. C. W. Rosecrans, 1931-35; Rev. George W. Gray, 1936, Rev. C. J. Mustain, 1938-40 and the present pastor, Rev. Walter Muhlfield, 230 N, 19th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, 1940--. Graduate William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 20. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 1885--. 1 vol. (old minute books, 1865-84 lost). Kept by Mr. Charles Sands, Clinton, Mo. R.R. #2. Sunday School records, 1930--. 1 vol. (1868-1929 missing). Baptist Young People's Union records, 1935--. 1 vol. Both kept by Mr. John Eaton, Clinton, Mo., R.R. #2. Financial records, 1936--. 1 vol. (prior records lost). Kept by Mr. Earl Chastain, R.R. #2, Clinton, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, vol. 54, p. 64.

## 11. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Clinton) 1866--. Jefferson and Second Street, Clinton, Clinton Township, Henry County.

Organized September 16, 1866. In the forties and fifties religious services were held in Clinton by various Baptist preachers. Rev. Peter Brown, noted pioneer Baptist circuit rider, in an old manuscript of the early days, writes that he preached for fifteen days in Clinton in 1857. No permanent results were produced by this missionary work until almost ten years later, when the First Baptist Church of Clinton was formally constituted at the conclusion of a revival meeting conducted in the old Courthouse at Clinton, by the Revs. Edwin T. Brown, James Woods and J. P. Lawton. Charter members of the church were: William H. Dodge, Thomas D. Hancock, Dr. Perez S. Jennings, Laura Jennings, John Barlow and wife and A. E. and J. M. Avery. The following also became members during the revival: Irene Rogers (Mrs. B. G. Boons) Mrs. Mary Delczier, Ella Delczier, Mrs. Anna E. Tutt, Truman Brown, Curtis Martin, Mrs. Susan Eddins, Regim Eddins (Mrs. R. S. Faris), A. C. Avery, Mrs. Rhoda Avery, Mrs. W. H. Cook and Martha Hudson. From 1866-69, while plans for the erection of a church were proceeding, services were held in the old courthouse and in the log school building on the southwest corner of the public square. On March 24, 1868, J. M. and Angus Avery



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donated the church site at Jefferson and Second Streets, on which a handsome brick building was erected in 1869 at a cost of \$20,000, and was dedicated on October 17, of the same year. It was for some years the outstanding church edifice in central Missouri. The present imposing structure was erected on the original site during the years 1926-27 and is considered one of the best church buildings in the county. It represents an investment of approximately \$55,000. and was dedicated on Sunday, May 29th, 1927. Rectangular, two and one half story brick structure, fifty by ninety feet, colonial architecture; portico and pediment supported by four tall stone columns provide an impressive entrance. Surmounted by belfry containing bell from first church. Auditorium has seating capacity of six hundred. Full basement, with sixteen special Sunday School rooms. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edwin T. Brown, 1866-69; graduate, Rector College, Virginia. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. James W. Warder, 1870-73; Rev. George Kline, 1875-76; Rev. W. A. Campbell, 1878; Rev. Alexander Machett, 1879-80; Rev. F. W. Houchens, 1882; Rev. F. Menefee, 1883-1885; Rev. Dr. M. E. Broadus, 1887-88 and 1912-14; Rev. Dr. C. G. Skillman, 1889-91; Rev. J. P. McCullough, 1894-95; Rev. A. L. Jordan, 1896-97; Rev. John A. Cheavens, 1898; Rev. N. R. Pittman, 1899; Rev. Dr. C. M. Truex, 1900-1906; Rev. Dr. J. F. Williams, 1908-9; Rev. Dr. C. A. Stewart, 1910-11; Rev. W. E. Davis, 1916-18; Rev. D. F. Risk, 1919-23; Rev. John R. Blythe, 1925-31; Rev. C. A. Butler, 1932-37 and the present pastor, Rev. Grover Cleveland Greenway, 511 S. Orchard street, Clinton, Mo. April 1937--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Active organizations in the church are: Sunday School (organized 1869), Baptist Training Union and Women's Missionary Union.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 9. National Historical Co. History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 341. Tebo Baptist Association. Minutes, 1855--. A. Loyd Collins: "Burned Note" (Clinton) Daily Democrat, July 10, 1939. "Souvenir Program", (a short history of the church) Clinton, Mo., 1937 (mimeographed- copy on file in church office). "Historical Scrapbook of the Tebo Baptist Association" 1938, pp. 57, 81, (unpublished- copy on file in church office). "Clinton Centennial Pageant" Clinton, 1936, p. 5 (copies on file in church office and in Clinton Public Library).

Church minutes, 1920--. 3 vols. 1920-28; 1929-36; 1937--. (1867-1920 lost). Kept by Miss Ruth Sherman, church clerk, 600 E. Jefferson St., Clinton, Mo. Minutes of Deacons' meetings, 1924--. 1 vol. Kept by Miss Mildred Carter, financial secretary, R. 4, Clinton, Mo. Register, 1920--. (Card record of members, showing name, address, age, how and when affiliated with the church, transfers, dismissals and deaths). Active and inactive files. Kept by Miss Ruth Sherman. Sunday School records, 1908--. 3 vols. 1908-32. Card system 1932--. (Baptist Sunday School Board's Six Point Record System). Records prior to 1908 lost. Baptist Training Union, 1933--. (Card system). Woman's Missionary Union, 1895--. 2 vols. All kept by Miss Mildred Carter.





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Financial records, 1929--. 1 vol. (prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. Gene Davis, 402 E. Jefferson St., Clinton, Mo. All of the above records located in the church office. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, Vol. R, p. 400.

12. HARTWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1867--. Hartwell, Honey Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1867, at the conclusion of a revival meeting held at Stewart's Ford on Big Creek, about two miles east of the town of Hartwell. Little is known of the early history of this church, as the early records have been lost. According to the minutes of the Tebo Baptist Association (1888) it was known as the Big Creek Baptist Church until 1888. Early meetings are said to have been held in the neighborhood school house. In 1888 the congregation moved to the new town of Hartwell and adopted its present title. A site was secured and the present and only building, so far as known, was erected and dedicated the same year. One and one half story, American type rectangular frame building, without bell or belfry. Among the earliest members of the church were the following: W. A. Norris, Virginia Norris, J. T. Victor, Reuben Morgan, Amanda Morgan, S. M. Morris, C. W. Beck and Emily Ford. W. A. Norris, S. M. Morris, and J. T. Victor were the earliest deacons while Reuben Morgan was the first recorded church clerk. A Sunday School was organized in 1879. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Wood, 1867-69. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. Israel Tompkins, 1870-73, 1875, 1893; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1874; Rev. N. B. Lawler, 1876-77, 1881-82; Rev. William S. Weir, 1878; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1879-80; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1885; 1888-90; Rev. B. B. Russell, 1887; Rev. J. W. Mohler, 1891; Rev. J. A. Gragg, 1892; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1894-99; 1906-7; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1900-1904; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1905; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1908-10; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1911-12; Rev. W. E. Bruner, 1913-16; Rev. H. O. Moore, 1917; Rev. T. H. Phillips, 1918; Rev. J. E. Jackson, 1920-23; Rev. R. I. Skaggs, 1924-26; Rev. Victor Conly, 1927; Rev. J. E. Turnage, 1928-32; Rev. George Gray, 1933-34; Rev. T. A. Butler, 1935; Rev. Warren L. Wyrick, 1936; Rev. Howard Olive, 1937-39. The present pastor is Rev. Walter Mihlfeld, 230 N. 19th street, Kansas City, Kansas, 1940--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 16. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 1868--. 3 vols. 1868-71; 1932-37; 1938--. (1872-1931 lost). Kept by Miss Florence M. Hall, Hartwell, Mo. Sunday School records, 1929--. 3 vols. 1929; 1930-32; 1937--. (1879-1928, 1933-36 missing). Kept by Mr. J. E. Morgan, Urich, Mo. Financial records, 1932--. 1 vol. (prior records lost). Kept by Mr. Glenn Norris, Urich, Mo. Deeds



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record, Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Deeds of Trust, Vol. 72, p. 325.

13. MT. HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1867-81 (Defunct), Brownington, Osage Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1867 at the schoolhouse near Consville (now Brownington) Mo. Some of the charter members were: C. R. Stephens, E. Sanders, A. Dunning (clerk), C. F. Nall and C. J. Belsher. The church was received into the Tebo Baptist Association in 1867. Among its earliest messengers to the association were: C. R. Stephens, W. L. Walton, E. Sanders, A. Dunning, Y. M. and G. N. Dunning, C. F. Nall, C. J. Belsher and N. Wright. Numerically weak, this church united with Fairview Baptist Church of Deepwater, (see entry 16) in 1881, to form the Brownington Baptist Church at Brownington (see entry 18). Mt. Hope Church had no building of its own. All services, during the fourteen years of its existence were held at the Consville schoolhouse. First settled clergyman, Rev. Robert D. Lawler, 1870-71, 1878-79. Attended Baptist Male and Female Academy at Calhoun and William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. M. D. Ingram, 1872; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1873-77 and Rev. R. W. Hudson, 1880.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 7 (Brownington Baptist Church). Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--. All records of this church have been lost.

14. URICH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1868--, Urich, White Oak Township, Henry County.

Organized January 18, 1868 at Knob Creek Schoolhouse near Urich by Elders M. Brown and Obediah Thompson. Its organization was the result of a tent meeting in which many conversions were reported. This church was originally known as Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Charter members were: Isaac and M. A. Moon; Rev. Obediah, Elizabeth and Israel Tompkins; G. W. Scholl; J. H. Israel, Sophia G. and Nancy Simmons; Newton and Lydia Starks; Charles M. Sanders; Sarah C. Gregg; Alonzo L. Bellomy; Jasper Page; John Maupin; James Martin; Mary J. and Nancy Lane; Gus Kepner; G. W. Reecs; Isaac N. and Samuel Applegate. J. H. Simmons was first church clerk and Israel Tompkins, S. Lowe, J. H. Simmons, and Henry F. Miller were early deacons. Services were held on the fourth Sunday of the month, morning and night, at Knob Creek Schoolhouse until 1875 and at Miller's Schoolhouse, near old Urich, until 1877 when the present name was adopted. The first house of worship (frame) was erected here in the summer of 1877 at a cost of \$1200. When a railroad was built three miles south of the old town in 1885, the church was moved with the other buildings to the new townsite of Urich. The present commodious building, costing \$3500, was erected and dedicated in 1899. Attractive "L" shaped, modified Gothic, one and one half story frame structure, with bell and tower surmounted by steeple; two arched entrances in base of tower.



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Inscription "1899". A parsonage was purchased in 1907 for \$800 and sold in 1912, when a new parsonage was built at a cost of \$2500. A two story Sunday School addition was erected in 1920 at a cost of \$2000. First settled clergyman, Rev. Obediah Tompkins, 1868-77. Educational background unknown. Succeeding pastors were: Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1878; Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1879; Rev. I. Tompkins, 1880; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1881-83, 1885; Rev. R. S. Menefee, 1884; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1886-91; Rev. E. H. Foster, 1892; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1893-94; Rev. C. C. Young, 1895-97; Rev. E. A. Leonard, 1898-1901; Rev. M. G. Barlow, 1902; Rev. J. F. Sherman, 1903-4, 1907-10; Rev. H. S. Thornhill, 1911; Rev. F. O. Hess, 1912; Rev. W. F. Jordan, 1914; Rev. T. P. Potter, 1915; Rev. H. O. Moore, 1916-18; Rev. J. E. Jackson, 1919-26; Rev. Otto L. Rice, 1928; Rev. Fred H. Farris, 1929; Rev. Charles E. Clemmons, 1931-33; Rev. J. E. Dinwiddie, 1934; Rev. C. A. Butler, 1935-36; Rev. J. O. Miller, 1937. Present pastor, Rev. C. E. Wilch, 437 Kansas street, Liberty, Mo., 1938--. Graduate, Warrensburg State Teachers' College, Warrensburg, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 24. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 1894--. 3 vols., 1894-1919, 1920-32, 1932--. (Prior to 1894, lost). Kept by Mr. M. V. Thralls, Ulrich, Mo. Sunday School records, 1909--. 6 vols. (records prior to 1909; 1918, 1928, 1931-37 missing). Kept by Mr. Ralph Kelsay, Creighton, Mo. Financial records, 1923--. 9 vols. (1924-26, 1928-29, 1932-33, and all prior to 1923, missing). Kept by Miss Leona Knaus, Treasurer, Ulrich, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County, Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 54, p. 64.

15. MONTROSE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1870-1928 (defunct), Montrose, Deepwater Township, Henry County.

Organized, apparently, in 1870, although the exact date of establishment is not definitely known. The History of Henry and St. Clair Counties (1883) states: "The first church erected in Montrose was the Baptist church, it being removed from Germantown almost bodily in 1871. The same church was blown down in 1882, when a heavy windstorm passed over the city. It has again been rebuilt." The name of the church appears in the Minutes of the Tebo Baptist Association for the first time in 1871, although not as a new church. From the list of messengers to the association in 1871 and a few years thereafter we note the following names of early members: G. B. Atkerson, S. Paxton, first church clerk, G. Combs, D. Clark, William Banty, D. Dunkin, George Baily, L. Tyree, E. Tathwell and L. P. Slaughter. A Sunday School was organized in 1879 and maintained until 1924. Due to the small number of Baptists living in Montrose no services have been held there for many years. The church building, a plain rectangular frame structure, was sold in 1928 and the





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congregation disbanded. The site was ~~dede~~ded to the First Baptist Church of Clinton and is valued at \$50. First settled clergyman was Rev. Thomas Briggs, 1871-72. Educational background unknown. The following pastors succeeded him: Rev. W. B. Lawler, 1873-75; Rev. R. D. Lawler, 1877; Rev. S. N. Victor, 1880-83, 1898-1900; Rev. O. L. Brownson, 1884; Rev. F. T. Shore, 1886-87; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1888-89; Rev. J. W. Mohler, 1890; Rev. J. B. Box, 1891-92; Rev. G. W. Hamlet, 1893; Rev. J. M. Morris, 1894-95; Rev. C. C. Young, 1896; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1901-2, 1907, 1914; Rev. J. H. Skidmore, 1905; Rev. J. T. Cowan, 1906; Rev. Wade Johnson, 1908; Rev. L. D. May, 1911; Rev. R. I. Skaggs, the last pastor, 1918.

See: The National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 413. James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 18. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.  
All records of the church have been lost.

### 16. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1871-81 (defunct), 1 Mi. W. of Deepwater, Fairview Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1871 at Fairview Schoolhouse, one mile west of the present town of Deepwater. Some of the first members were: J. C. Calloway, T. C. Hamilton, T. Levi, H. W. Dunning (first clerk), H. Huddenuit and J. W. Maddox. The church entered the Tebo Baptist Association in 1871. Among the earliest recorded messengers to the Association were: J. C. Calloway, Thomas Hamilton, T. Levi, H. W. Dunning, J. W. Maddox, J. C. Hobbs and H. Huddenuit. This church, like the Mt. Hope Church (see entry 13), had a small membership, and in 1881 the two churches merged to form the Brownington Baptist Church (see entry 18) at Brownington, Mo. The church had no building of its own and all services were held at Fairview Schoolhouse. The first settled clergyman, Rev. Robert D. Lawler, 1871-80, served the church throughout the years of its existence. Attended Baptist Academy at Calhoun, Mo. and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Ordained about 1870.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 7 (Brownington Baptist Church). Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.  
All records of the church have been lost.

### 17. PEACEFUL HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, 1875-1921 (defunct), 3 Mi. E. of Mt. Zion, Osage Township, Henry County.

Organized sometime between August 1874 and August 1875. The exact date of establishment is not known. According to the minutes of the Tebo Baptist Association, (1875) the only available source of information, this church was received into the Association as a new church, at the eighteenth annual session of that body on August 12, 1875. No list of charter members can be found, but among the earliest recorded messengers to the Tebo Association were the following: R. C. Garland, E. Smith, Jacob Pogue, S. Kirtley, Isaiah Brown, J. N. Denham,



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Sterling Boyles, Benjamin Harris and John Brown. Earliest church clerks were E. Smith and Sterling Boyles. The congregation had no building, apparently, until 1900. Meetings were probably held in a neighboring schoolhouse, as was the custom during the formative years of many churches of the time. From 1900 to 1913 the valuation of the church property is listed variously from \$300 to \$800. In subsequent years the church is shown as having no house of worship. A Sunday School existed intermittently from 1890-1919. Theodore Butler was its first superintendent. The church was never strong numerically. Membership varied from 35 in 1876 to 59 in 1889, but declined steadily thereafter until only 12 members remained in 1914. The Mission Board of the Tebo Association aided the church in 1918 with a 14-day revival meeting conducted by Rev. J. M. Ramsey, missionary pastor. In 1919 the Board again extended its aid by voting an allowance of \$5.00 per month for twelve months for missionary services. No report was made to the Association in 1920 and in 1921 the church was dropped from the list of member churches. First settled clergyman was Rev. Robert D. Lawler, 1876-77. Attended Baptist Academy at Calhoun, and William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. W. S. Weir, 1878, 1884-85; Rev. R. W. Hudson, 1879-80, 1901; Rev. I. M. Clark, 1883; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1886-88; Rev. A. W. Kain, 1889; Rev. George McMillon, 1890-91; Rev. W. P. Wright, 1895; Rev. W. Andis, 1897; Rev. H. E. Hogan, 1898; Rev. W. K. Henderson, 1899; Rev. M. L. Leach, 1902-3; Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1904-5; Rev. William Briggs, 1906-7; Rev. A. R. Miller, 1911; Rev. Charles Thomas, 1912; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1918-19.

See: Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1875-1921.

No records of the church are available

18. CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1880--. One half Mi. S. of Petersburg (P.O., Chilhowee), Big Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1880, at the Carrsville Union Church, erected that year jointly by the Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians and Baptists in the village of Carrsville, near Petersburg. It was also known as the Carrsville Baptist Church. The names of charter members are not available. Each denomination held services one Sunday in each month, and attended each other's meetings, thus providing a "full house" every Sunday. For several years it was a member of the Johnson County Association. In 1887 it was received in the Tebo Baptist Association. A Sunday School was organized in 1896. In 1913, during the pastorate of Rev. G. N. Neafus, the Baptists acquired the interests of the other denominations, and after extensive alterations, the building was dedicated under its present title on the fifth Sunday in August by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Green of William Jewell College. Plain, two story, rectangular frame building, without bell or belfry. Heated by stoves. Inscription: "Corinth Baptist Church" over entrance. Adjoining the church lot is the Carrsville cemetery, where rest the remains of many of the early settlers of the community, including the families of Chitwood, Howerton, Ross, McIntire, Williamson, Gilliam, Paul, Lane, McQuitty, Park and Carr. First settled clergyman, Rev. J.





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S. Denton, 1887-88. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. R. A. Brown, 1888-90; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1891, 1900-2; Rev. John Robinson, 1893; Rev. D. W. Potter, 1894-95; Rev. P. H. Harris, 1896; Rev. W. L. Wisdom, 1897; Rev. A. M. Cockrell, 1898-99; Rev. E. A. Leonard, 1903; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1904-5; Rev. J. H. Skidmore, 1906; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1907-8, 1911; Rev. John Odom, 1909; Rev. G. N. Neafus, 1910, 1912-14; Rev. John R. Blythe, 1915; Rev. C. J. Miller, 1917; Rev. E. L. Boyles, 1918; Rev. E. E. Hickman, 1921; Rev. G. L. Newkirk, 1923; Rev. W. E. Davis, 1924; Rev. Homer DeLozier, 1928-29; Rev. E. H. Banks, 1930-31; Rev. and Mrs. Mark Barcafer, 1932-34; Rev. C. F. Eaglesfield, 1935; Rev. Warren L. Wyrick, 1936. The last pastor was Rev. Nelson Engelbrecht, Liberty, Mo., 1937-39. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 10. Tebo Baptist Association, Minneapolis, 1856--. National Historical Co., History of Henry and St. Clair Counties, p. 446.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths), 1895--. 2 vols., 1895-1909; 1910--. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mr. N. F. Gilliam, R. R. #1, Chilhowee, Mo. Sunday School records, 1926--. 3 vols., 1926-28; 1932-34; 1934--. (1896-1926, 1929-32 missing). Kept by Mr. Ivan H. Howerton, R. R. #1, Chilhowee, Mo. Financial records, 1936--, 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. Henry S. Bellomy, Blairstown, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Miscellaneous Deeds, Vol. 203, p. 208.

### 19. BROWNINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1881--. Brownington, Osage Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1881 as a result of the merger of Mt. Hope and Fairview Baptist churches (see entries 13 and 16). A list of charter members is not available, but Elders M. L. Ingram and Charles Stephens are said to have been among the earliest members. Services were held at the Consville Schoolhouse (see entry 13) while plans for the erection of a house of worship were perfected. The present and only church was completed and dedicated in the town of Brownington in July 1882. American rural type, one and one half story rectangular frame building with small belfry containing bell. A Sunday School was organized in 1884. First settled clergyman, was Rev. Robert D. Lawler, 1881-83. Attended Baptist Academy, Calhoun, Mo., and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. J. H. Little, 1885; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1886-88, 1906, 1909; Rev. C. R. Stephens, 1889-90; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1891-92; Rev. J. S. Denton, 1893, 1912; Rev. R. D. Lawler, 1894; Rev. J. M. Morris, 1896; Rev. E. A. Leonard, 1897-98; Rev. W. S. Weir, 1899-1900; Rev. J. M. Hawkins, 1901-5, 1911; Rev. William Love, 1907-8; Rev. J. M. Ramsay, 1913-14; Rev. D. G. McCullum, 1915-16; Rev. A. B. Haynes, 1917; Rev. G. A. Hoffman, 1918-19; Rev. J. N. Jeffries, 1920; Rev. H. F. Wright, 1921-22; Rev. Amos Rice, 1924-25; Rev. W. H. Hawes, 1927; Rev. D. D. Talley, 1929; Rev. Albert Gaston, 1932-33; Rev. C. J. Mustain, 1935-36 and the present pastor, Rev. F. W. Wittenbraker, Brownington, Mo., 1938--. Graduate,



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William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. A member who had kept a record of the ministers who had preached in the church reported that more than seventy-eight different preachers had been in the pulpit in eighteen years.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 7. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths) 4 vols., 1889-1920, 1920-28, 1928-37, 1937--. Sunday School records, 1 vol., 1924-- (Prior records lost). Both kept by Mrs. Ella A. Parsley, Brownington, Mo. Financial records, 1936--. Card system. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. Gladys Moore, Treasurer, Brownington, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 46, p. 146.

### 20. LA DUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1882-85, 1896--. La Due, Davis Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1882, largely through the efforts of Rev. B. B. Russell, who served as its pastor for the first two years. Among the first members were: W. H. Johnson, A. D. Paxton, T. Mackie and W. G. Westfall. This church lapsed in 1885. The present church was constituted April 16, 1896 at the La Due Schoolhouse. The council consisted of the following: Rev. S. M. Victor, Rev. R. S. Jenkins, Rev. B. B. Russell, missionary of the Tebo Baptist Association, moderator, and J. F. Brown, clerk. The following were enrolled as charter members of the new church: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carpenter, W. C. and Junetta Nida, Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, S. D. Underwood, Lula and Maggie Underwood, A. Sprowles, Mamie Holmes, G. H. Campbell, Mrs. C. C. Denham and J. T. Elliott. W. C. Nida and S. D. Underwood were the first deacons. A. C. Carpenter was the first church clerk and first Superintendent of the Sunday School organized in 1904. Rev. S. M. Victor was the first pastor of the reorganized church, 1896-1902. Meetings were held in the La Due Schoolhouse until the present church was erected and dedicated in 1898, on a site obtained from James A. Stewart, May 9, of the same year. American rural type, one and one half story rectangular building, without bell or belfry. Heated by coal stove. Two members of the church, Martin Nida and W. T. Wyatt have been ordained to the ministry. A complete roster of pastors follows: Rev. B. B. Russell, 1882-84, 1903, 1911; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1896-1902; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1904-8; Rev. Wade Johnson, 1909-10; Rev. C. F. Thomas, 1913; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1914-17; Rev. R. I. Skaggs, 1918-19; Rev. H. F. Wright, 1921-22; Rev. L. A. Brown, 1925-26; Rev. W. E. Holt, 1927; Rev. Walter Anderson, 1928-29; Rev. Elmer Wright, 1930-33; Rev. George Gray, 1934-35 and Rev. J. O. Miller, Leeton, Mo., the last regular pastor, 1937-39. Graduate, Warrensburg State Teachers' College, Warrensburg, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 17. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.



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Minutes, (including baptisms, members, deaths and finances) 1896--, 1 vol. (1882-85 lost). Kept by Mr. W. C. Nida, Deepwater, Mo. Sunday School Records, 1921--. 3 vols., 1921-22, 1928-29, 1936-- (1904-20, 1923-27, 1930-35 missing). Kept by Mr. Lewis Dunning, R.R., Clinton, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 128, p. 157.

### 21. DEEPWATER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1883--. Deepwater, Fairview Township, Henry County.

Organized November 12, 1883 at the home of John Moyer, just north of Deepwater Creek, between Clinton and the present site of Deepwater. The council consisted of the following: Rev. W. S. Weir, Rev. S. M. Victor and Deacons A. Vickers and Willard Crews. The original members were: Thomas Jackson, James McCormick, W. L. Bray, Mary F. Grover, Mrs. E. C. Moyer, Ida Moyer, Jacob Rhodes, W. C. Nida, Augusta Rhodes, Jemisa Bray and Mary Shorter. Willard Crews was elected first deacon and Thomas Jackson, clerk. First meetings of the church were held in the Lima Schoolhouse near the present site of Deepwater. When the town of Deepwater was founded in 1886 the congregation moved to the new town. From 1886-92 services were held in Shoup Hall, and the Keith and Perry Building in Deepwater. A Sunday School was organized in 1890, and a Baptist Young People's Union in 1898. The present and only church building was erected and dedicated in 1892. One and one half story American type, rectangular frame structure, with small belfry containing bell. Heated by stoves. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. S. Weir, 1884. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. E. F. Stinnett, 1885-86; Rev. W. B. Lawler, 1887-89, 1891; Rev. W. H. Burnham, 1892; Rev. C. C. Young, 1894; Rev. J. M. Morris, 1895-96; Rev. J. L. Ford, 1897; Rev. E. A. Leonard, 1898-1900; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1901-2; Rev. H. S. Thornhill, 1903-4, 1911; Rev. J. H. Skidmore, 1905-6; Rev. J. F. Sherman, 1907-10, 1916, 1917; Rev. F. C. Richards, 1912; Rev. T. Platt, 1913; Rev. C. H. Owens, 1915; Rev. G. A. Hoffman, 1918; Rev. W. M. Oldham, 1919; Rev. J. N. Jeffries, 1921; Rev. W. D. Baker, 1922-23; Rev. L. K. Morgan, 1924; Rev. J. D. Briggs, 1926-29; Rev. E. H. Banks, 1930; Rev. R. I. Clemings, 1931-33; Rev. A. B. Christian, 1934-35; Rev. W. L. Watson, 1936; Rev. W. H. Sperry, 1937-38. Present pastor, Rev. L. A. Stark, Deepwater, Mo., 1939--. Graduate, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 11. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths), 1908--. 1 vol. (Prior records missing). Kept by Mrs. J. H. Dunning, Deepwater, Mo. Sunday School records, 1902--. 32 vols., 1902-35, 12 vols. (1890-2, 1906-7, 1910-12, 1915-17, 1919-25, 1930, 1933-34, 1936 missing) 1937--. 20 vols., Class books (one for each class). Baptist Young People's Union, 1932--. 2 vols., 1932-33, 1936-- (1898-1932, 1934-35 missing). Both kept by Mr. Howard Strickland, Deepwater, Mo. Financial records, 1936--, 1 vol. (prior records lost). Kept by William Killman,





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Treasurer, Deepwater, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Miscellaneous Deeds, Vol. 80, p. 337.

22. PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1884--.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Mi. S. W. of Deepwater, Fairview Township, Henry County.

Organized June 7, 1884 at the Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse, where Baptist services had been held previously through the efforts of Eliza Sanders and John L. Richeson. Charter members of the church were Eliza W., Mary, and Lucretia A. Sanders; John L., Nancy A., Susan D., E. M., and Sam B. Richeson; Nancy A. Dunn, Elder W. T. Spencer, W. J. and Hester A. Briggs. John L. Richeson and E. W. Sanders, founders of the church, were the first deacons and John Sanders was the first church clerk. The church joined the Tebo Baptist Association in September 1884, and a Sunday School was organized in 1885. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1897 when the present and only church was erected and dedicated in July of that year. E. W. Sanders and wife donated the site March 2, 1895. One and one half story, American rural type, rectangular frame building without bell or belfry. Heated by coal stove. Two members of the church have been ordained to the ministry, G. W. Plumb and Fred Hess. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. T. Spencer, 1884-86. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. J. M. Hawkins, 1887-98, 1911; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1899, 1901-2, 1904-5, 1907, 1913, 1920, 1921; Rev. B. B. Russell, 1900; Rev. J. J. Stone, 1903; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1906, 1908; Rev. Allan Prevo, 1909; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1912; Rev. H. S. Thomas, 1914; Rev. A. B. Haynes, 1915-17; Rev. R. I. Skaggs, 1918-19; Rev. D. M. Parker, 1923; Rev. E. H. Banks, 1924-29; Rev. Leslie Christian, 1930-31, 1933-35; Rev. J. E. Turnage, 1932; Rev. W. L. Watson, 1936; Rev. C. J. Mustain, 1937-38. Present pastor, Rev. J. O. Miller, Warrensburg, Mo., 1940--. Graduate, Central Missouri State Teachers' College, Warrensburg, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 21. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths and finances), 1909--. 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. Martha Strickland, Deepwater, Mo. Sunday School records, 1925--. 3 vols., 1925-27, 1936-37, 1938--. (1885-1924, 1928-1935 missing). Baptist Young People's Union, 1928, 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Both kept by Mr. Robert Wittig, Deepwater, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warrant Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 160.

23. SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1886-1912 (defunct). 2 Mi. E. of Maurine, Big Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized not later than 1886, as that is the first year the church was listed in the minutes of The Tebo Baptist Association. W. F. Page was the messenger to the Association and his address was given as Huntingdale. Among the earliest members were: W. F. Page,



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Mary Page, W. B. Ford, W. M. Morgan, and S. M. Gentry. W. F. Page was church clerk from 1886-1907. Where the congregation met during the early years of its existence is not known. It was probably in a nearby schoolhouse. The first and only church building (frame) was erected about 1895, midway between the towns of Big Creek (now Maurine), Garland, and Huntingdale. The deed (see deed record) conveying the site from W. H. Childers to the trustees of the church is dated April 10, 1895. A Sunday School was organized in 1897, with M. Mohler as Superintendent. This church was always weak numerically. The building was destroyed by a windstorm in 1912 and was not rebuilt. The congregation disbanded and most of the members united with the Baptist church at Garland. A small cemetery adjoining the original site is preserved. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. S. Denton, 1886. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. R. A. Brown, 1887-92, 1899-1900; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1893-95, 1897-98; Rev. J. H. Graves, 1896; Rev. T. W. Brown, 1901; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1902; Rev. A. K. McGrew, 1903-6; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1907-8; and Rev. G. N. Neafus, 1910.

See: Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes. None available. All records were destroyed with church. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Deeds, Vol. 106, p. 462.

24. GARLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1890--. Garland (village), 8 Mi. N.W. of Clinton, Honey Creek Township, Henry County.

Organized May 3, 1890 in the village of Garland by a Presbytery consisting of Elders William Lawler and J. W. Mohler and Deacons William Norris and Samuel Norris. A list of charter members is not available. The church joined the Tebo Baptist Association in August 1890, and from the minutes of the Association for the next few years we find that the following were among the earliest members: Allen Cowden, Mrs. Ida Cowden, J. G. Marlow, Peter S. Boyles, Lizzie Boyles, G. H. Power, Mollie Light, Mrs. J. W. Rains and a Mrs. Clark. Peter S. Boyles was the first church clerk, and Mrs. J. W. Rains was first Superintendent of the Sunday School, organized in 1891. The present and only building was erected and dedicated in 1890 at a cost of \$2500. One and one half story, American rural type, rectangular frame structure without bell or belfry. Heated by a coal stove and has a piano and gasoline lamps. Three members of the church have been ordained to the ministry, namely: T. H. Wiles, July 20, 1906; Ralph Manker, September 8, 1922, and Homer DeLozier, August 8, 1926. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. W. Mohler, May 3, 1890-September 1891. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. Charles S. Taylor, Sept. 1891-Jan. 1892; Rev. J. S. Denton, Jan. 1893-Jan. 1895. Rev. T. M. Ramsey, Jan. 1895-Jan. 1896; Rev. W. S. Weir, Jan. 1896-May 1898; Rev. R. S. Jenkins, June 1899-Nov. 1900; Rev. S. N. Mohler, Jan. 1901-Sept. 1902; Rev. Mr. Boggs, Sept. 1902-Jan. 1903; Rev. M. L. Ingram, Jan. 1903-Jan. 1906; Rev. T. H. Wiles, Jan. 1906-Jan. 1907; Rev. G. N. Neafus, June 1907-June 1909, Jan. 1910-Jan. 1911; Rev. G. L. Guthrie, Nov. 1909-Jan. 1910; Rev.





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E. M. Stigers, Jan. 1911-12; Rev. W. H. Briggs and Rev. Dr. M. E. Broadbuss (Sunday afternoons) May 1913-Jan. 1916; Rev. Charles Owens, April 1916-17; Rev. J. K. Harris, Jan. 1918-Jan. 1919; Rev. Harwood Broughton, 1920; Rev. G. A. Hoffman, Jan. 1921-Jan. 1922; Rev. Ralph Manker, June 1922-June 1923; Rev. E. H. Banks, Feb. 1924-Feb. 1926; Rev. Homer Delozier, May 1926-Jan. 1928; Rev. Mark B. Paddock, 1930-32; Rev. George Gray, 1933-36; Rev. Hugh Trotter, 1938. The last pastor was Rev. Howard Olive, 309 E. Mississippi St., Liberty, Mo., 1939. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 13. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

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### 25. PARKS CHAPEL<sup>1</sup> (Union Church), 1890--. 10 Mi. S. E. of Clinton, Leesville Township, Henry County.

Organized and built in 1890 as a union church, by the Universalists, Baptists, Methodists and Christians in Leesville Township. The church was named Parks Chapel, in honor of the Parks Families, who did so much toward making the church a reality. A five acre lot had been donated by Mrs. Susan Parks as a site for a church in 1887. (See deed record). The first trustees of the church were Reuben Parks, J. Y. Parks and H. L. Pigg. A list of the charter members of each denomination is not available. Many business men of Clinton, the county seat, made donations toward the erection of the building. The Universalists were the largest of the four congregations represented. Their first minister was a Rev. Mr. Canady. The first Baptist minister to preach at the chapel was a Rev. J. J. Stone. The pastors of the two remaining congregations are not known. Adjoining the church is the Parks Chapel cemetery. Among the first to be buried there was Reuben Parks, Sr., owner of a large plantation in the township, who died in 1842. The church was razed by a wind storm in 1901, but was immediately reconstructed. It has been struck by lightning a number of times and the roof was replaced in 1932. It is said to be an easy matter to raise money in the community for the repair of the church. There is a distinct pride in the building, which at present belongs to the community. It is governed by a board of three directors who are elected at a mass meeting of the people every three years. The Parks family, prominent in southeastern Henry

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1. Parks Chapel has never held membership in the Tebo Baptist Association. All information used in this entry was obtained in interviews with early members of the church.



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County during the pioneer days is still active in the church and community. The present trustees are Walter Parks, Clark Parks and Silas Hillbrand. Regular services have not been held in the church for about twenty years. It is preserved as a community chapel, and is used chiefly for funerals and occasional homecoming services.

Minutes (including members and deaths), 1890-1920. 1 vol. Kept by Mr. Walter Parks, R. R. #2, Clinton, Mo. There are no other church records. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Miscellaneous Deeds, Vol. 72, p. 9.

26. PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1890-1908 (defunct), 5 Mi. S. W. of Leesville, Leesville Township, Henry County.

Organized some time prior to August 1890. It was received into the Tebo Baptist Association (minutes of 1890) on August 26, 1890. No list of charter members is available, but among the first messengers to the Association were: J. J. Stone, Christian G. Fisher, J. R. Castleberry, William Parks, W. N. Ballard, Huston Burris, Lewis McDonald and John F. Bailey. First church clerk was Christian Fisher and J. R. Castleberry was listed as the first Sunday School Superintendent (1890). No Sunday School was listed from 1891 until 1904, when W. R. McCown was shown as the second and last superintendent. Early meetings were probably held in a neighboring schoolhouse. The congregation apparently had no building prior to 1900. In that year valuation of the church property was first shown, and was placed at \$300. The church was not strong numerically and the largest membership reported was 58 in 1900. From then on, the church declined steadily. In 1906 and again in 1907 no report was made to the Tebo Association, and on August 20, 1908 the church was formally dropped from the roster of the Association. First settled clergyman was Rev. J. J. Stone, who served the church from 1890 to 1906, with the exception of the year 1900, when Rev. William Briggs was pastor. Educational background of neither pastor is known.

See: Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1890-1908.

No records of the church are available.

27. QUARLES BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891--. Quarles (village) 6 Mi. N. of Clinton, Shawnee Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1891, by Rev. John T. Cowan, while serving as missionary of the Tebo Baptist Association. It took its name from the Quarles store which was located nearby. The church joined the Tebo Baptist Association in 1893. During the first two years, services were held at the Courer Schoolhouse. Among the charter members of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. William Adair, Mr. and Mrs. James Pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones, Mollie Jones, Emma Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller, Mrs. Frank Redford and a Mrs.





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Bleil. S. M. Thompson was the first church clerk, and C. M. Massie was the first superintendent of the Sunday School, organized in 1892. The present and only church building was completed and dedicated in the spring of 1933 by the Rev. Dr. C. G. Skillman. One and one half story, American rural type, rectangular frame structure with small belfry containing bell. Heated by a coal stove. First settled clergyman, Rev. John T. Cowan, 1893-96. Common school education. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. R. Jenkins, 1897-98, 1908; Rev. E. A. Leonard, 1899-1900; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1901-6, 1911-12; Rev. T. P. Todd, 1907; Rev. G. W. Plumb, 1909; Rev. T. M. Estes, 1910; Rev. M. E. Broadbush, 1914; Rev. E. L. Barkley, 1915; Rev. A. Jackson, 1916; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1918; Rev. W. S. Weir, 1921; Rev. G. A. Hoffman, 1922; Rev. W. E. Davis, 1924-25; Rev. Homer Delozier, 1926-28; Rev. G. C. Faulkner, 1929-30; Rev. W. L. Kelle, 1931-34; Rev. Warren L. Wyrick, 1935; Rev. Dale Huft, 1936-37; Rev. J. O. Miller, 1938. Present pastor is Rev. R. M. Webdell, Calhoun, Mo. 1939--. Graduate, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 22. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

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28. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895--. Mt. Zion (village) 6 Mi. S. E. of Brownington, (R. R. #1). Osage Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1895 at Columbia Schoolhouse near Mr. Zion, through the efforts of Rev. B. B. Russell, missionary of the Tebo Baptist Association. Among the sixteen charter members of the congregation were the following: T. J. Wears and family of four, Mrs. Burris, John Hammonds and wife, Mrs. Johnson and two daughters, Mrs. Kate Bilderback, Luther Boblet and Jeff Breedlove. M. L. Boblet was the first church clerk. First services were held, 1895-97, in the Methodist church nearby. A site in Mt. Zion was obtained from Mary C. Parks et al. in 1896 and the first house of worship had almost been completed when it was destroyed by a windstorm in 1897. Undaunted, the congregation erected another building which was completed and dedicated the same year. One and one half story, American rural type, rectangular frame structure, topped by small belfry and bell. A Sunday School was organized in 1901. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Briggs, 1895-97. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. R. D. Lawler, 1898; Rev. J. F. Tucker,





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1899; Rev. Wm. Briggs, 1900; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1901; Rev. J. M. Hawkins, 1902; Rev. A. H. Dent, 1903-4; Rev. W. M. Love, 1905-7; Rev. M. L. Ingram, 1908; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1911; Rev. Charles Thomas, 1912; Rev. C. W. Frye, 1915; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1918-23; Rev. Harvey Tucker, 1924; Rev. Wm. Holt, 1927; Rev. Leslie Christian, 1929-31; Rev. Albert Gaston, 1932-37; Rev. Woodrow Rosecrans, 1939. The present pastor is Rev. C. J. Ford, Warrensburg, Mo., 1940--.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 20. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes. The minutes of the church have been lost. Register and Financial record, 1 vol., 1931-- (Prior records lost). Kept by Mr. Radford Burt, Deepwater, Mo. Sunday School records, 1936--. 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mr. Cordell, Brownington, Mo. Financial records, 1917-- (Prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. K. S. Rufenacht, Brownington, Mo. Deeds record: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Quit Claim Deeds, vol. 105, p. 363.

29. STONE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1899-1928 (defunct), 7 Mi. N. E. of Brownington, Bethlehem Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1899 at the Surprise Schoolhouse near the village of Gaines, largely through the efforts of Rev. J. J. Stone. A complete list of charter members is not available. The church joined the Tebo Baptist Association in 1899, and among the first messengers to the Association we find the following names: Fred Kearns, J. Jacobs, G. T. Hunt, Press Rainey and C. P. Burroughs. G. T. Hunt was the first church clerk and superintendent of the Sunday School organized the previous year. First meetings were held at the Surprise Schoolhouse. In 1909 a plain frame church was erected and dedicated on a site located just south of the schoolhouse, about a quarter of a mile southeast of Gaines. The congregation was never strong numerically and attained its largest growth in 1911 when a membership of sixty-one was reported. During this year Rev. Charles Thomas, held a revival meeting at which twenty five persons were received for baptism. After 1912 the church declined and for many years thereafter did not report to the Association. In the Spring of 1928 the church was destroyed by fire and the congregation soon after disbanded. First settled clergyman was Rev. J. J. Stone, 1899. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. J. F. Wears, 1900, 1902; Rev. S. M. Victor, 1901; Rev. William Briggs, 1903-6; Rev. H. W. Eversole, 1908-11; Rev. Charles Thomas, 1912-13 and W. D. Baker, 1914-24.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 23. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes. All records were destroyed when church burned 1928. Deeds record: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 134, p. 42.



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30. HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1905-36, 1940--. (Inactive),  
5½ Mi. S. E. of Urich, White Oak Township, Henry County.

Organized May 9, 1905 at the Hickory Grove Schoolhouse, one mile west of the present church. Among the charter members were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ridge, Misses Myrtle and Ann Ridge, J. W. Servier, Mrs. Belle Blevins, Miss Isa Blevins, O. R. Schroeder, Mrs. Stella Schroeder, Miss Ella Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Fitch, Mrs. J. W. Seaton, Miss Edith Scanlon and Mrs. Ida Cowan. First trustees of the church were: L. R. Wilson, G. L. Cowan and Grant Stevens. The first church clerk was Clyde C. Dunn. The first deacons were J. W. Ridge and L. R. Wilson, ordained October 28, 1905. J. W. Servier was the first Sunday School superintendent, 1906. First meetings were held, 1905-7, at the Hickory Grove Schoolhouse. First and only building was erected in the summer of 1907 and dedicated, debt free, on Sunday September 15th of the same year. Plain American type, rectangular frame structure, without belfry or bell. Heated by a coal stove. This church has never had a large membership. It declined rapidly during the past decade and lapsed in 1936. It was reorganized early in 1940, but holds no regular services and has had no regular pastor since 1932. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. M. Victor, Dec. 23, 1905-March 16, 1907. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. B. B. Russell, Mar. 17, 1907-Nov. 1907; Rev. J. J. Stone, 1908; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1909-10; Rev. C. F. Thomas, 1913, 1915; Rev. J. H. Pollard, 1914; Rev. W. T. Wyatt, 1916-19; Rev. H. F. Wright, 1922; Rev. Elmer R. Page, 1923; Rev. W. H. Allison, 1924-25; Rev. H. L. Allen, 1926; Rev. J. E. Turnage, 1927, 1932; Rev. E. B. Maderais, 1928; Rev. S. L. Sherman, 1931.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 16. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, finances), 1905--. 1 vol. (No entries 1936-39). Sunday School records, 1908--. 7 vols. (1913, 1917-20, 1922-23, 1935-39 missing). Baptist Young People's Union, Treasurer's Book, 1 vol. (No dates). All kept by church clerk, Mr. G. C. Simms, Urich, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 174, p. 291.

31. FINEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1906--. (Inactive), 10 Mi. E. of Brownington (R. R. #1), Osage Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1906, at the conclusion of a revival meeting held in the village of Finney, by Rev. W. A. Pipkin, missionary of the Tebo Baptist Association. The following were listed as charter members: Wesley Holland and wife, W. Y. Holland and wife, F. Y. Coones and wife, R. S. Stadler and wife, W. C. Hall and wife, J. N. and Tillie Holland, Mrs. Laura Raymond, Mrs. M. J. Harriman, Mrs. Belle Trotten, Mrs. Mary McGlade, M. C. Rothgeb, C. A. Pitcher, Luther Pitcher and J. H. Young. C. N. Holland was the first church clerk and Wesley Holland was the first Deacon. A Sunday School had been established at Finney in 1900. First services were held, 1906-8, at the village hall. Construction of





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the first and only building was started in January 1908 and was completed soon after at a cost of \$600. It was dedicated, debt free, on June 7th of the same year. Plain one and one half story, American rural type, rectangular frame structure, without belfry or bell. Heated by a coal stove. The church had no pastor and no regular preaching from 1935 to 1940. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Briggs, 1906-8. Educational background unknown. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. J. M. Hawkins, 1909-14; Rev. C. F. Thomas, 1915; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1917-18; Rev. J. D. Briggs, 1924-25; Rev. H. L. Allen, 1927; Rev. A. Mosher, 1928; Rev. Leslie Christian, 1930-31; Rev. Albert Gaston, 1932; Rev. C. F. Englesfield, 1935. Present pastor is Rev. Elmer Wright, Lowry City, Mo. 1940--. Educational background unknown.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 12. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

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32. GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1909--. 4 Mi. S. of Clinton, (on Highway 13, R. R. #2), Clinton Township, Henry County.

Organized October 1907 at Lima Schoolhouse, midway between Clinton and Deepwater. It was the outgrowth of a revival meeting held at the schoolhouse a month before, by Rev. J. F. Sherman, pastor of the Deepwater Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Wade Johnson. At this meeting some twenty persons joined the Deepwater church with the understanding that they might later organize a church in the Lima School neighborhood. Letters of dismissal were granted to the following for the purpose of forming the new congregation: James, Lizzie and Pearl Ball; W. S. and Violet Michel; Dan and Josie Prouse; Leslie, Rose, Livina and Don. Labadie; Ben, Mary and Henry Braun; Clyde, Mabel, Oscar, Mattie, Will, Ralph and Eva Mansfield; J. H. Goslin, Otto Schmidt, Lola Nolting and Minnie Standke. First services were held, 1907-8, at the Lima Schoolhouse. Mrs. E. C. Moyer, at whose home the Deepwater church was organized donated the site (see deed record) for the proposed church building. For this favor she was given the honor of naming the church and chose the name "Golden Gate." It was dedicated on Sunday, May 17, 1908 by Rev. J. F. Sherman. One and one half story, American type, rectangular frame building without bell or belfry. Heated by coal stove. Inscription: "Golden Gate Church - 1907." A Sunday School was organized in 1908. First settled clergyman, Rev. Wade Johnson, 1908-10. Graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. He was succeeded by the following pastors: Rev. C. F. Thomas, 1911-15; Rev. A. A. Jackson, 1916; Rev. H. O. Moore, 1918; Rev. Harwood Braughton, 1920; Rev. J. M. Ramsey, 1921-25; Rev. E. H. Banks, 1926-27, 1932-33; Rev. W. H. Sperry, 1928-29; Rev. Hugh Williams, 1930; Rev. Warren L. Wyrick, 1935-36; Rev. Nelson Engelbrecht, 1937-38; Rev.



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Howard Olive, 1939-40. Present pastor is Rev. Lawrence Holzschuh, Bolivar, Mo. 1940--. Graduate, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

See: James D. Briggs, History of the Tebo Baptist Association, p. 13. Tebo Baptist Association, Minutes, 1855--.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths), 1907--. 1 vol. Kept by Mrs. Ivy Williams, R. R. #1, Deepwater, Mo., Sunday School records, 1934--. 1 vol. (prior records lost). Financial records, 1936--. 1 vol. (Prior records lost). Both kept by Mr. Ben Braun, R. R. #5, Clinton, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Warranty Deeds, vol. 183, p. 199.

33. BAPTIST MISSION (Mission of First Baptist Church, Clinton), 1928-37 (defunct), South Washington Ave., Clinton, Clinton Township, Henry County.

Organized in 1928, by Rev. E. F. Hood. All meetings were held in an old frame barn, which was rented by the First Baptist Church of Clinton, and equipped with pulpit, benches, stove, etc., for use as a mission. It was sold for a roadhouse and moved in 1937 and the mission discontinued. The first and only pastor of the mission was Rev. E. F. Hood, 1928-37. Graduate, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

No records were kept.

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34. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINDSOR (colored), 1883--. West Colt Street, Windsor, Windsor Township, Henry County.

Organized about 1883. Some of the early members were: Louisa Green, Dorothy Sims and Eliza McCowan. Names of the trustees of the church given in the deed are: James McConnack, Mae Simons, Thomas Welling and James Moore. First and only building was erected about 1884 and dedicated about 1886. Small rectangular frame structure, with steeple containing bell, over entrance. First settled clergyman unknown. Present clergyman is Rev. W. E. Burns, 1376 E. Division Street, Springfield, Mo. 1936--. College graduate. (Name of college unknown).

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, and finances), 1931--. 2 vols., 1931-36, 1937--. (Prior records lost). Sunday

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1. Note: The colored Baptist churches in Henry County are not affiliated with the Tebo Baptist Association.



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School records, 1938--. Card system. (Prior records lost). Kept by Mrs. Florence Thompson, Windsor, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's office, Warranty Deeds, Vol. 50, p. 341.

35. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH of Clinton (colored), 1890--., North Main St., Clinton, Clinton Township, Henry County.

Organized about 1890. No list of early members is available. The names of the trustees of the church as shown in the deed were: Chesley Burch, Carley Evins, and Hardin Green. First and only building was erected in 1891 or 1892. Small one room frame structure with bell tower and bell in west end of church. First settled clergyman unknown. The church has no regular pastor, but has been attended by Rev. J. C. Rice, 918 N. Main Street, Clinton, since 1937. Educational background unknown. There is little information available regarding this church, as records have been poorly kept. All records prior to 1923 were destroyed in that year when the home in which they were kept was destroyed by fire.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, finances), 1933--. 1 vol. (Prior records destroyed). Kept by Mr. Forest Avery, Clinton, Mo. Deed records: Henry County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Quit Claim Deeds, vol. 86, p. 83.





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1870	Montrose*	Montrose, Deepwater Township	15	35
1871	Fairview*	Deepwater, Fairview Township	16	36
1875	Peaceful Home*	Mt. Zion, Osage Township	17	36
1880	Corinth	Petersburg, Big Creek Township	18	37
1881	Brownington	Brownington, Osage Township	19	38
1882	LaDue	LaDue, Davis Township	20	39
1883	Deepwater	Deepwater, Fairview Township	21	40
1884	Pleasant Valley	Deepwater, Fairview Township	22	41
1886	Salem*	Maurine, Big Creek Township	23	41
1890	Garland	Garland, Honey Creek Township	24	42
1890	Parks Chapel	Leesville Township	25	43
1890	Pleasant Ridge*	Leesville, Leesville Township	26	44
1891	Quarles	Quarles, Shawnee Township	27	44
1895	Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion, Osage Township	28	45
1899	Stone Mission*	Bethlehem Township	29	46
1905	Hickory Grove	Urich, White Oak Township	30	47
1906	Finey	Finey, Osage Township	31	47
1909	Golden Gate	Clinton, Clinton Township	32	48
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